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UNDER THE PUNKAH.

By J. PENN.

I should like to remind my readers, in case they may not have realised the fact, that there are only three days more in which to do their Christmas shopping. Personally, I have finished mine, and I now look forward to that beatific hour when, having wine and dined all my destitute and homeless friends, I can retire for my annual Christmas Day nap.

Until recent years I found shopping of any description a little fatiguing—but in these bustling times, when our philanthropic merchants are only too anxious to do the job for you, Christmas buying has become one grand sweet song—until the bills roll in at the end of January!

It was in this mood that I stepped out the other morning humming a gay carol, to buy something for Him and Her. As regards the Hims, I had very little difficulty. It involved a call at the wine-merchants, a slight correction of a standing order, and a fat head the next morning. For the more juvenile Hims, a call at the toy department was necessary, and there they brought trams, motor-cars, and enough of the other mechanical gadgets to keep me amused for the next six months, when the children are tired.

But—and here is the snag—there remained the question of what to buy Her. Her—"oo Er"—always is the Great Christmas Problem. For eleven months of the year buying presents for Her is only too terribly simple. All I have to do is to be led round from shop to shop, admiring what she thinks is nice, or cute, or beautiful. Then, two or three days later, all I am expected to do is to lay the article at Her feet, with a wag of the tail, and a bark of pure joy.

But Christmas is different. That is the time when complete surprises are in order—and for the uninitiated male, the purchase of complete surprises is not without its trials. And so, two or three days ago, after a careful perusal of all the daily papers, I regretfully mortgaged the car, pawned the radio set, sharpened five or six pencils, and within the hour had myself conveyed to Laneaway Powshees, on a present-buying errand.

I have no wish to prolong the agony. Suffice it to say that after making enquiries of a sympathetic manager, and being swept into touch several times for the loss of many yards at the entrance to the lift, I at last dived up a back stairway, and found myself in a Strange Land. A Land of Perfumes and Bags, and unfamiliar, utterly terrifying Draperies. A Land where Mere Man stood on the threshold of Another World. And I realised

then why Christmas comes but once a year. Man could not stand the shock twice.

And as I stood there, shaking, doubting, blinking, and suffused with blushes, there came a Sales Maiden—a modern maiden, one of these self-confident damsels who unconcernedly call a leg a leg, and who—oh, well, well! Seeing my embarrassment she led me gently aside, and commenced to work upon me.

"What did I wish?" she enquired. I think I muttered something about something for Her. And then the fun began. For there were the perfumes, bags, compacts, bottles, boxes, tins, etc., etc., all ready for my selection. And as if that were not enough to complete my confusion, my attention was called to some really chic.

(No, really, I can't go on. Modesty forbids.) So I took a ricksha to Besie's, and decided to give Her a cheque, as usual.

One thing puzzles me still. I have heard of boneless kippers, boneless ham, and filleted haddock, but what sort of a breakfast food are "boneless steaks"?

In view of the now rapidly approaching jubilation, I have received several letters asking me what will be the "correct fashion" for men during the festive season. It would take too much of my valuable time [and my valuable space—Ed.] to answer these letters individually, so I am collecting the information in the following list for the benefit of all concerned:

"Christmas Eve.—For all parties on this night of nights, you may wear a frock-coat with plus fours, and be sure to secure a pair of very nifty golf hose. Don't make a mistake and be too much on your dignity. Unbend a bit. In place of a shirt wear a football jersey (to match the socks if possible), and on your right foot put an old tennis shoe. The left hoof would look very much better if you could secure to it one of the wooden clogs commonly worn by the Chinese. But no! Nor carry a hip flask; this would be an insult to your host, as he is sure to have a liberal supply of cats and what is more, plenty of "moisteners."

"Christmas Day.—As soon as you get out of bed plunge your head into a basin full of printer's ink. This will get rid of that "heavy head" in double-quick time. Then make a bee-line for your wardrobe, get out your best shirt, and wear a brand-new wing collar. Get into your evening dress trousers; don't forget these, whatever you do. People do talk so. The upper half of your anatomy will look ever so much smarter if you don a jazzy sweater and your old school blazer. Do not forget those white gloves!

The only change needed when evening's twilight gathers round is to replace the patent-leather shoes you will wear during the day with

a pair of football boots. Wear a monocle if you like—I will leave that entirely to your own discretion. Some faces look better behind one; others, don't. If in doubt, wear two!

"Boxing Day.—The correct dress for this occasion is:—Gymnasium shoes, shorts, athletic vest, and a pair of 402 gloves. All you then have to do is to try to curb the desire to hit the fellow who eyes you with disdain.

"New Year's Eve.—Be sure to carry a revolver, so that you can have something to let off when all those rowdy people let go their miles and miles of crackers. To do this with style you will have to wear a Sam Browne belt over your pyjama coat. That will look very well if you have your initials done in vivid red on the back. Wear the shorts you use for ragging, and buy the dinkiest pair of silk socks imaginable. Do not forget to wear knee-caps, too, same as those football fellows, as you are liable to slip when you go home in the "woe sma' oors" if it should be a frosty night, and your wife or somebody will want to know all about the bruised knee next morning. I also recommend spiked shoes for foot-wear—you will then have a sure grip on the ground, and will be able to dance very well too, without fear of slipping up—or down—in the ballroom. Step on your partner's toes if you care to risk it—if she is a real lady, she will only smile sweetly and say, "Please don't mention it!" Remember that the correct ornament for the belfry is what some of my American friends call an "elephant shooter"—in other words, a topee.

"New Year's Day.—Mess jacket with flannel bags (sandstone shade) and generously cut. Wear a cissy shirt with your old college muffler, and try to appear quite sober—or at least endeavour to look as if you have not had a drink for the past fortnight. I know this is very hard, and needs a lot of trying, but if you only exert yourself it will be O.K. When you see the man next door who always sings in his bath, try and make him adopt your own good resolutions, i.e. "I will never give my neighbours any more trouble," etc., etc. If he cannot see your point, an affectionate and playful tap on the nose might work wonders. As everybody will be too tired to notice anything unusual, you can go barefooted on this day if you so desire.

And now I think the festive season may be safely left to look after itself. I have no advice or suggestions to offer to the ladies—they will, as usual, please themselves as to what they wear, and when and where they'll wear it. Anyway, they always look nice in anything, and some of them look simply lovely in—well, in any circumstances.

Diary of Coming Events.

To-day,
(December 21.)

China Light and Power Co., Ltd., 11th ordinary general meeting St. George's Building, 11.30 a.m.
Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanling.
Cricket: League, Div. I: I.R.C. v. Royal Navy, Division II: R.A.S.C. v. Recreation v. R.A. v. Friendlies, Division I: K.C.C. v. University, Civil Service v. Army, H.K.C.C. v. Over 30 v. Under 30, Div. II: K.B.S.F.P.A. v. I.R.C. v. University v. Kowloon, R.A.O.C. v. Craigengower, Recreation v. Royal Artillery.
Football: Senior Division: Somerset v. South China; Chinese v. Royal Artillery; Recreation v. Kowloon; Junior Division: Club v. Royal Artillery; St. Joseph's v. South China; "A" v. Chinese "B" v. K.O.S.B.; Kowloon v. Eastern; Ewo v. Recreation; R.A.M.C. v. Somerset.
Boy Scouts Association, Concert and Display, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
Warwick Revue Company: "The Whirligig," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Broadway Melody."

World Theatre: "The Terror."
Star Theatre: "Fortune Hunter."
R.E. Dance: Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.
Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.
Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel, Repulse Bay Hotel, and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
Tides: High, 3.04 p.m.; Low, 7.45 a.m. and 5.53 p.m.
European Mails:—Outward: via Suez, 10.30 a.m. (Malwa); via Siberia, 9 p.m. (Anyo Maru).

Sunday,
(December 22.)

Fourth Sunday in Advent.
Fanling Hunt: Steeplechase, Kwanti.
Golf: Final of Championship, Bogey Pool, Fanling.
H.K. University, Amateur Photographic Club Exhibition, 9 a.m.
H.K.V.C.A. Christmas Concert, University Great Hall, 9 p.m.
Warwick Revue Co.: "Farwell Fare," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Broadway Melody."
World Theatre: "Harold Lloyd Comedies."
Star Theatre: "The Gate Crasher."
Tea Dance: Repulse Bay Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Tides: High, 12.59 a.m. and 4 p.m.; Low, 8.43 a.m. and 7.18 p.m.

Monday,
(December 23.)

Queen's Theatre: "Broadway Melody."
World Theatre: "Harold Lloyd Comedies."
Star Theatre: "The Gate Crasher."
Philharmonic Society presents "The Geisha," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Peninsula Hotel and Hong Kong Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
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(By LIEUT.-GENERAL LORD BADEN-POWELL.)

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How are you going to spend your Christmas holiday?

Well—there's only one way that I know of for real enjoyment—and that is in camp.

Of course, it's right and well to be with your family for Christmas Day Church and family festivities; but for the rest of the week, if you ask me, camp is the thing!

Of course, it will be cold in the Mother country, but in the "down under" lands it will be boiling hot. What of it? Be Prepared for it, and you will enjoy the outing just the same, whether it be hot or cold.

I've tried both, so I know. Both in South Africa and on the West Coast of Africa I've sweltered through several blazing Christmas Days, and I've done the same in deep snow and icy blizzards in Afghanistan. What is more, I enjoyed them, but of the two I preferred the cold, for there at least you can make yourself warm.

Santa Claus's Work.

There are lots of people who do Santa Claus's work for him, and they generally do it secretly without saying a word to anyone—and I should like to tell you something about them.

Boy Scouts are some of these people. They go about every day—not merely at Christmas time—quietly doing kind things without letting people know that they have done them.

One morning a poor working-man found his wife and two of his children very ill, so ill that they had to be taken off to the hospital. And the poor man was left with one little child and his home to look after.

He had to go and work at the factory, otherwise he would get no money to buy food with. So he asked the wife of a neighbour to look in every now and then, and see that his child was all right.

In the afternoon, as soon as he could finish work, he hurried home and got there before his usual time.

To his astonishment he found the house all neat and clean, and the supper things laid out all ready for him; and in the kitchen was a strange boy cooking his food, while another boy was playing with the child, which had been nicely washed and dressed.

When he asked the boys who they were he found that they were Boy Scouts. They had meant to get everything ready for him and then quietly slip away before he got home, so that he would have found everything as nice as if his wife

had been there, but would not have known who the Santa Claus was who had done him the kindness.

After that the Scouts came every day, and did the same thing for a week, till the mother of the family came out of hospital and returned home.

Building an Igloo.

Have you ever heard of an Igloo? An Igloo is a hut made of snow, much used by Arctic explorers in the great open snow plains where no trees or stones are to be got. The way they build an Igloo, where the snow is not sufficiently frozen to be cut into blocks, is this:—

They start rolling a big snowball until it is as big as they can well lift. It is best to make it rather square-shaped than round—it gets more solid that way.

Then, when they have made a whole lot of these blocks, they pile them together in a big heap about 6 feet high, 10 feet long and about 8 feet wide, and jam them well together, filling up all cracks and



Then with a shovel smooth off the surface.

holes with more snow. Then, with a shovel or a piece of board, they smooth off the surface of the heap until it looks neat and shaped like a low beehive.

When the outside is neatly finished, they get a lot of sticks all exactly the same length, about 2 feet long, and stick them into the snow heap, and push them in until their ends are flush with the snow. A lot of them are needed until there is one every two or three feet all over the snow-heap.

Then they tunnel into the heap. First they make a low-arched doorway, then they dig out the whole of the inside of the heap, passing out the dug-out snow through the doorway.

Whenever they come across the end of one of their sticks on the inside, they don't dig any more there, as the stick gives the thickness at which the wall should be kept.

ROY HOWARD AND CHINA.

DANGER OF COMMUNISM.

London, Dec. 14.—Speaking before the Association of American correspondents as their guest of honour Mr. Roy W. Howard, chairman of the board of directors of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers in the United States and a recent visitor to Shanghai in the course of a round-the-world tour, characterized Russia as the greatest and most colourful story in the world to-day.

"Ninety-five per cent. of my original ideas about Russia proved to be wrong," he went on. "Any man with business principles must recognize that the Soviets have evolved a Government which will succeed."

Mr. Howard said that China is the next focal point for the Soviet influence, for which reason the United States, Great Britain, and France should unite, in his opinion, behind the National Government.

"Otherwise, within five years China will become communistic," Mr. Howard concluded.

Man, at Willemsen: He was going to knock my head off. Magistrate: Which he obviously did not do! No, I shouldn't have let him go that far.

Willemsen magistrate, to a woman applicant: What is the value of your "marriage lines" you say he is detaining? Woman: Well, supposed.

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EAST IS EAST AND WEST IS WEST.

KEEN Y.M.C.A. DEBATE.

WESTERN CIVILISATION NOT ADAPTABLE TO CHINA.

The lounge of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, was filled last

night on the occasion of a debate on Western civilisation and its adaptability to the Orient. Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Chairman of the Literary and Debating Committee, presided and as it was the first debate since his return from England, he expressed his pleasure at being able to take part again in the activities of a section of the Y.M.C.A. which particularly interested him.

The Rev. F. C. Young, who proposed "That Western civilisation is not adaptable to the Orient," thought that in considering a motion of this nature an attempt should be made to approach the subject with an unbiased mind and, although the "personal equation" was bound to enter in to some extent, that those present should look at the matter from a detached point of view and not from their own point of view as Westerners.

How We Differ.

The speaker referred to various definitions of civilisation, including that of "Bringing out of barbarism" which obviously could not apply in the case of China because its civilisation was far more ancient than our own. He took it that they were to consider whether it was possible and workable that Eastern civilisation should be taken away and replaced with that of the West, or that its place should be taken by a modified form of Western civilisation. A simile might be drawn with the two tributaries of the River Rhone, one coming from the hills and crossing yellow country, and the other originating from the glacier regions and traversing cleaner soils. The two flowed past Geneva where on the left of the city one glimpsed the yellow stream and on the right the pure water from the glaciers. It was not until the yellow deposits of the one had been deposited on the banks of the surrounding country that the two met and flowed as one.

Applying the above simile to the subject under discussion, the speaker said that in business, instead of direct contact, one had as intermediary the compromise, which socially the East and the West did not come together. It was impossible to adapt what was diametrically opposed in point of view and intellectual make-up. The Easterner considered that Western civilisation had taken away the art of living of which he knew so much. The West might be richer in some ways, but the standard of wealth in the East was wisdom. Whereas Western civilisation was characterised by aggression and militarism, trade-expansion, acquisition and materialism, class hatred and discontent, the greatest characteristic of the East was content and social peace. What to the West might often appear a wilderness was to the Easterner a Paradise. Whereas fidelity to the family was a marked characteristic of the Chinese race, the tendency in the West in modern days was to a negation of all family ties.

In conclusion, the speaker envisaged—as opposed to an Orientalist "milk and water" copy of Western civilisation—a China developed along the lines of her own art and culture, with the West co-operating as a friend and brother.

Manhood is One.

The Rev. J. H. Johnson, in opening for the negative, said that it was not the intention to claim that the East and the West were so similar that they could be united,

but those who had travelled most widely and had had most experience of the races of mankind were the most deeply impressed that throughout the world mankind was one.

In support of his contention that the principles at the foundation of our Western civilisation were those of universal brotherhood and an enthusiasm for humanity, the speaker traced the working of these principles in the life of Europe since the dawn of the Christian era, and the tendency throughout the centuries towards the raising of the masses and the growth of greater freedom and independence. It was a spirit of altruism which had made possible this process of development and had resulted in a stimulation to progress. It was not his case that Eastern civilisation should be scrapped and Western civilisation superimposed, but that the above-mentioned principles and altruistic movement were possible and adaptable to all human life.

Is China Peaceful?

Dealing with the claim that militarism represented the spirit of Western civilisation and that in the Orient one had quietness, peace and repose, the speaker said one could hardly reconcile the picture with China in the throes of Civil War and the Western nations banding their energies together towards the limitation of armaments and the effective working of a League for International Peace.

Dealing with the quotation by Mr. Young of the first line of Kipling's famous poem, the speaker quoted the whole verse to show that the spirit of the poem was wrongly interpreted by taking the line from its context:—

East is East, and West is West and never the twain shall meet.

Till earth and sky stand presently at God's great Judgment seat.

But there is neither East nor West, Border nor Breed, nor Birth

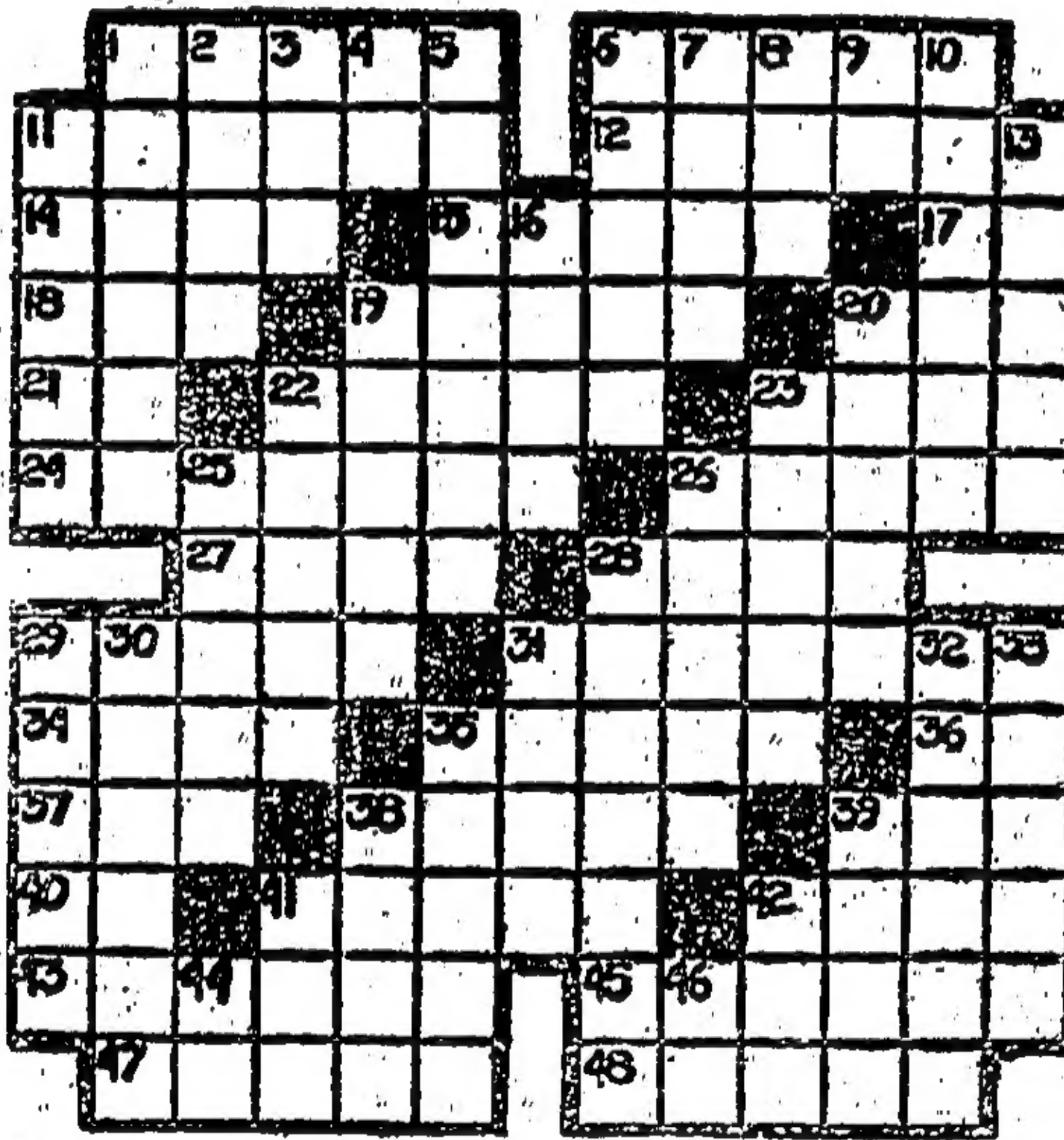
When two strong men stand face to face, tho' they came from the ends of the earth!

Dr. Ashton seconded Mr. Young, and Mr. J. M. Wilson seconded Mr. Johnson.

The meeting was then opened for discussion, and interesting contributions were made to the debate.

After concluding speeches by the leaders on both sides, the motion was put to the meeting which decided—by 27 votes to 21 "that Western Civilisation is not adaptable to the Orient."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

- 1.—A famous tower.
- 6.—Shellfish.
- 11.—To degrade.
- 12.—Inns.
- 14.—Extent.
- 15.—Arrogance.
- 17.—Half an em.
- 18.—Furniture truck.
- 19.—One affecting modesty.
- 20.—Golfers' mound.
- 21.—Pronoun.
- 22.—Face down.
- 23.—Affection.
- 24.—Thin.
- 26.—To friek.
- 27.—European mountains.
- 28.—A lird.
- 29.—Wrong.
- 31.—Cut.
- 34.—To surface a road.
- 35.—Assumes attitude.
- 36.—Negative.
- 37.—Cravat.
- 38.—Religious pamphlet.
- 39.—Liquor.
- 40.—Spanish article.
- 41.—Bench.
- 42.—Golfers' cry of warning.
- 43.—Depended.
- 45.—Looped.
- 47.—Citizens of European country.
- 48.—To walk.

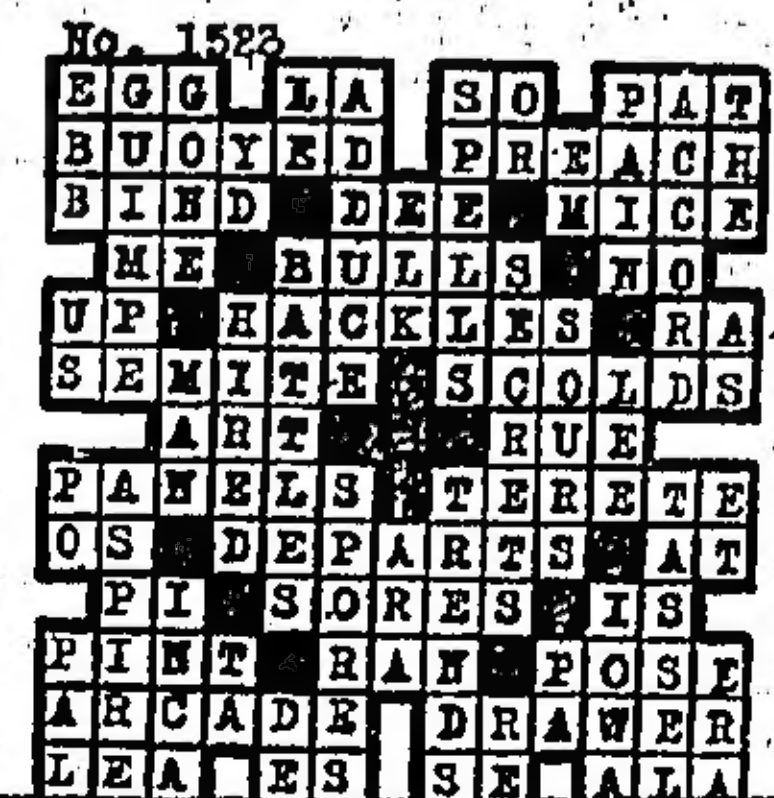
Vertical.

- 1.—To scold.
- 2.—So be it!
- 3.—Neck piece.
- 4.—French for and.
- 5.—Having leprosy.
- 6.—To rebuke.
- 7.—Mineral vein.
- 8.—Devoured.
- 9.—Pronoun.
- 10.—Part of coat.

- 13.—To scoff.
- 16.—Hurries.
- 19.—Supports.
- 20.—Drinker.
- 22.—To throb.
- 23.—Washes.
- 25.—Ingenuously piquant.
- 26.—Greatly to desire.
- 28.—The way down.
- 29.—More likely.
- 30.—Sent by post.
- 31.—To float in air.
- 32.—Reverie of use.
- 33.—Having rounded roof.
- 35.—Goads.
- 38.—Old pronoun.
- 39.—Girl's name.
- 41.—Evil deed.
- 42.—Enemy.
- 44.—Sixth note of scale.
- 46.—Conjunction.

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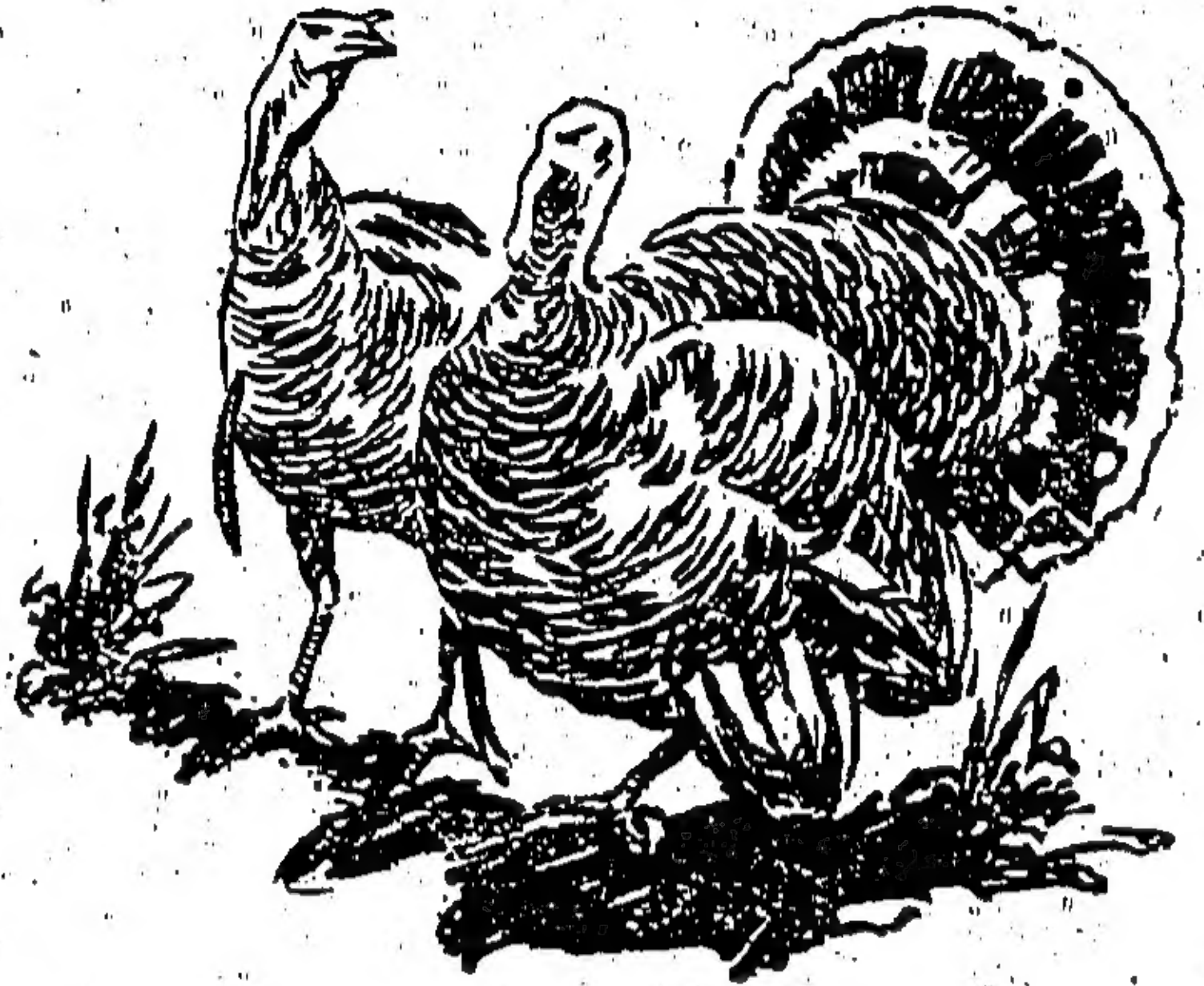
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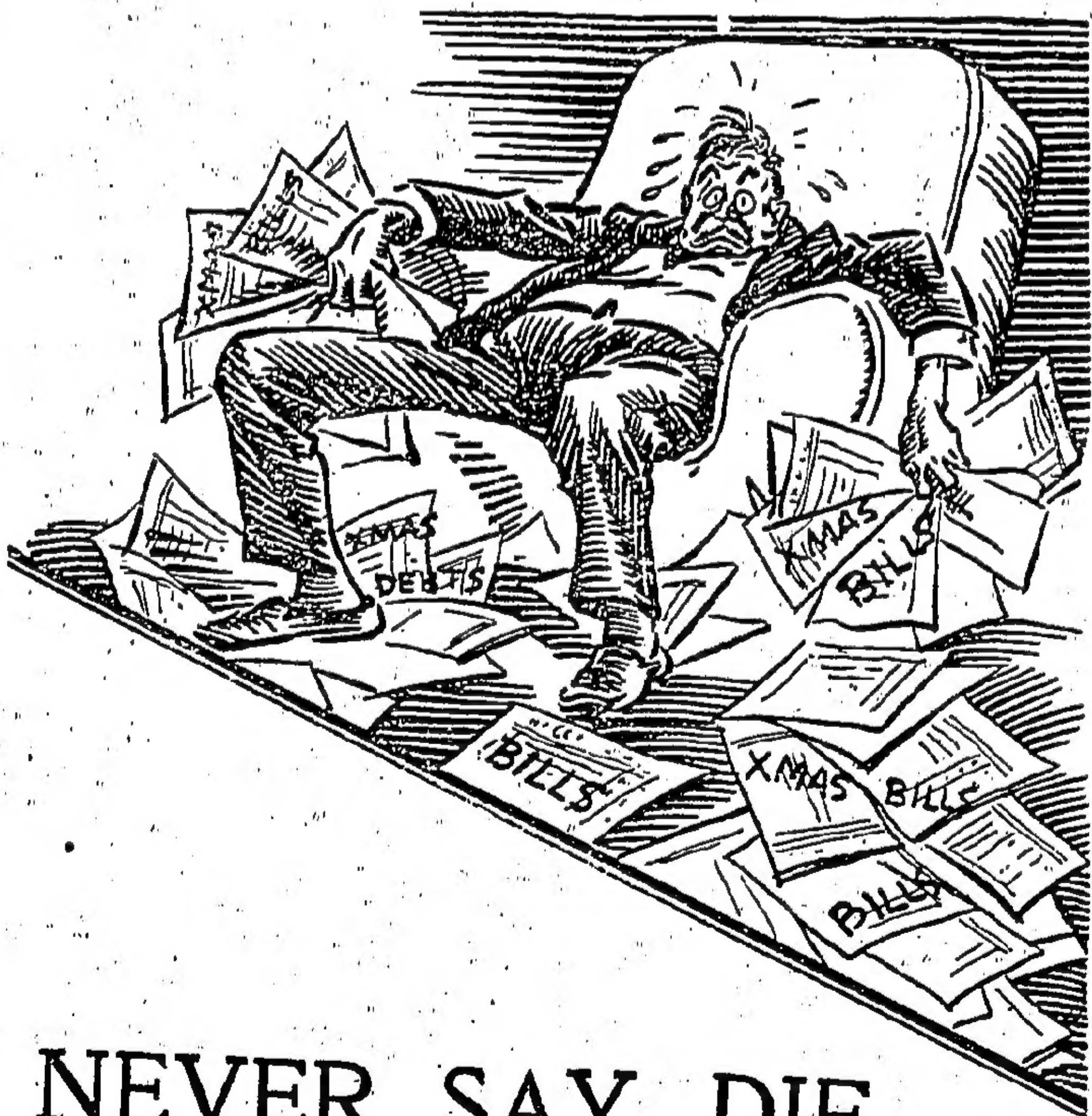
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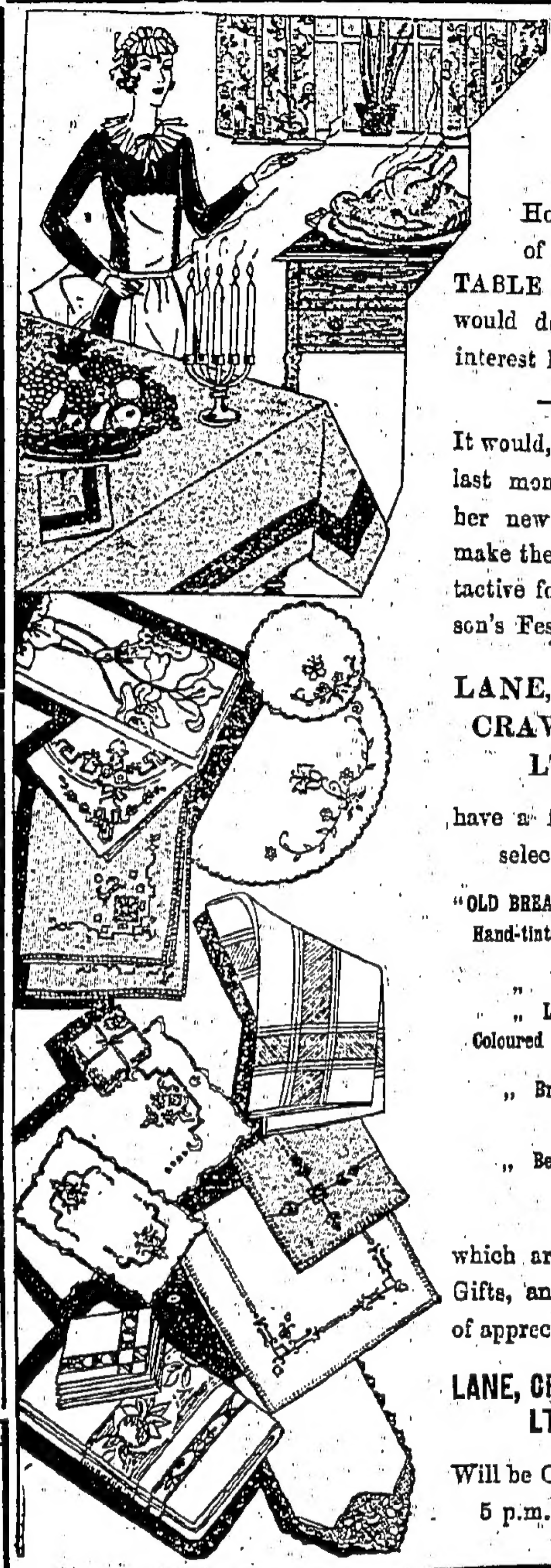
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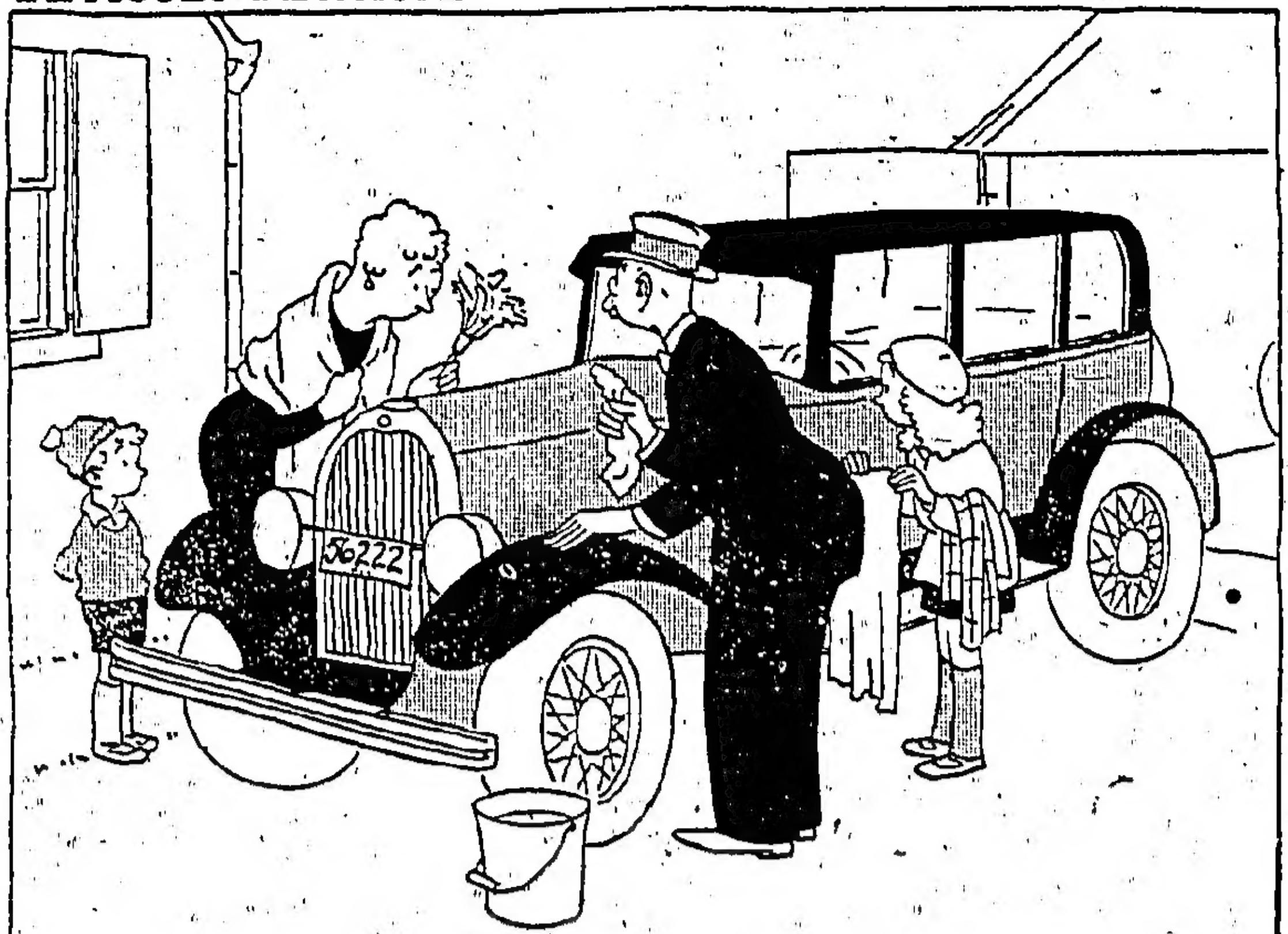
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GLUYAS WILLIAMS

CROSSWORD MARRIAGE.

AUTHOR'S COMPLEX AFFAIRS.

An astonishing action, involving a famous author, who, divorced from his second wife, married his third wife after she had divorced her first husband, and then left his third wife for his second wife after his second wife had divorced her second husband, was tried by Official Referee William P. Burr, in the County Court House, at New York.

The action is a suit for divorce brought by Miss Frances Goodrich, actress, against Hendrick William Van Loon, author of "The Story of Mankind," "Man the Miracle Maker," "Multiplex Man" and other books.

"I had myself tied up in knots," Mr. Van Loon was quoted as explaining a few weeks ago at his home in Yecre, Holland, where his residence for the past year and a half with his second wife, the former Helen "Jimmie" Criswell of Greenwich Village, is being cited by Miss Goodrich, his third wife, as the basis for her suit. "I had to have myself straightened out."

Undeclared.

Mr. Van Loon accordingly did not defend the action at the hearing, and it was indicated by Referee Burr that he would recommend to the Supreme Court the granting of a decree to Miss Goodrich.

Only four witnesses were presented by Henry A. Uterhart, counsel for Miss Goodrich, and the hearing occupied just a little more than thirty minutes.

It was established that Mr. Van Loon and Miss Goodrich were married on October 11, 1927, but that he is now, or was recently, living in Holland with the second Mrs. Van Loon, whom he rejoined a few months after his marriage to the actress.

Miss Goodrich herself offered the evidence of her marriage to the author, and was followed on the witness stand by Kate Drain Lawson, Maurice A. Manline, of the Hotel Bristol, vice-president and European representative of Horace Liveright, Mr. Van Loon's publishers, and Benjamin W. Huebsch, also a publisher.

The three last mentioned told of visiting Mr. Van Loon and his companion at their home on the island of Walcheren, Holland, last year, and of recognising the woman as Mr. Van Loon described as "a rather small lady with grey hair," and Mr. Manline as "a thinish body, with greyish, mannish-looking hair."

The Referee's Decision.

Charles Recht, representing Mr. Van Loon, hastily answered "No, no," to Referee Burr's question whether he would offer a defence, and, in fact, it was indicated that the most amicable negotiations accompanied the suit.

The referee, however, announced he could not include in the record an agreement for a property settlement reached between Mr. Van Loon and Miss Goodrich after their separation, and said he would be unable to recommend maintenance.

Referee Burr, by directing counsel for Miss Goodrich to submit findings within ten days, indicated he would recommend granting the divorce.

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS.

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON 355 METRES AND 49 METRES.

11 to 11.30 a.m.—Commercial News 12 to 1 p.m.—Demonstration programme.

1.45 p.m.—Weather report.

9 p.m.—"In a Chinese Temple Garden" and "In a Persian Market," International Concert Orchestra.

Dance music.

9.30 p.m.—"Mississippi Suite" (A Tone Journey, Parts 1 and 2, Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra.

Dance music.

10 p.m.—News bulletin.

Dance music.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

SUNDAY.

5.55 a.m.—Morning Service relayed from St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Garden Road.

1.—Holy Mass: (a) Kyrie (L. Perosi); (b) Sermon, "Restoring the Balance," by Rev. Fr. P. Joy, S.J.; (c) Offertory, Alma Redemptoris Mater; (d) Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei (L. Perosi).

2.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

11 a.m. (Approx.) to 1 p.m.—Chinese programme.

1.45 p.m.—Weather report.

7.45 p.m.—Evening weather report.

9 p.m.—Evening programme of Columbia records supplied by Messrs. Anderson.

Poet and Penant—"Overture, Parts 1 and 2 (Von Suppe), The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

"Wagneria" (Airs from Wagner) and "Chopiniana" (Airs from Chopin) (Doucet), Piano Solo Solo by Clement Doucet.

"Classica"—Selection, Parts 1 and 2 (arr. Ewing), J. H. Squire, Celeste Outet.

"The Wedding of the Painted Doll" (Fred and Brown) and "The New Moon-Lover, Come Back to Me" (Hammerstein and Romberg), Layton and Johnstone.

"La Serenata" (Angel's Serenade) (Braga) and "Serenade" (Till), J. H. Squire, Celeste Outet.

"Lesnin" (H. E. Wright and T. C. Sterndale-Bennett) and "Hoon" (Lookton and Richardson), Harold Williams with Orchestra, Baritone.

"Il Bacio" (Arditi) and "Softly Awakes My Heart," from "Samson and Delilah" (Saint-Saens), The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

"La Campanella," Parts 1 and 2 (Liszt), Mischa Levitzki.

"Mignon"—Selection, Parts 1 and 2 (Thomas), New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra.

"Ships That Pass in the Night" (Longfellow and Stephenson) and "Vale" (d'Arcy and Russell), Madame Clara Serena with Piano.

"The Student Prince"—Vocal Gems, Parts 1 and 2 (Donnelly and Romberg), The Student Prince Company.

"Broadway Melody" and "You Were Meant for Me" (Brown and Freedy), Layton and Johnstone with Piano.

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PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

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The following passengers arrived on Thursday by the a.s. Bremerhaven (N.D.L., Bremen):—Mr. J. Claussen, Dr. and Mrs. C. Ross and two children, Mr. C. Seelig, Mr. D. Moon, Mrs. Wan Loo Shee, Wan Mei Shee, Wan Jing Ching, Wan Chau Chau, and Mrs. Wan Jin Jao.

The following passengers arrived here from Australian ports by the a.s. Aki Maru on Thursday:—Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Clark, Miss E. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. A. Williams, Sister F. Guay, Sister van Oost, Mr. G. Murchie, Mr. M. Kishimoto, Mr. J. Matsudaira, Mr. H. Suzuki, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sing and infant, Bishop J. Ross, and Mrs. H. Takashima.

The following passengers arrived here on Thursday, by the a.s. Angers, from Marseilles and ports:—Mr. R. Aubrun, Mr. F. Pereira, Mr. J. Ruy, Mr. A. Carpi, Mr. Kan Khan Shek, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Lake, Miss Lokc Jun Choon, Miss Lam, Mrs. Lam, Mrs. Lam Swei Yeng, Miss Lokc Soh Lip, Miss Lam Poh Ling, Mrs. Lam Swei Lam, Miss Woo Seew Yuen, Miss Lam Wei Eng, Mr. Oh Keat Yuen, Mr. Mak Punt Tat, Mr. Han Chi Kuan, Dr. Jouvet, Mrs. Lam, Mrs. and Miss A. Walder, Mr. V. Kahi, Mrs. T. Thuyen, Mr. N. C. Van, Mr. H. La, Mr. P. Bay, Mrs. Streidler, Mr. Lan Trang, Mr. N. K. Ba, Mrs. N. N. Thi, Mr. Anderwizer, Miss Hahnemann, Mr. G. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. V.

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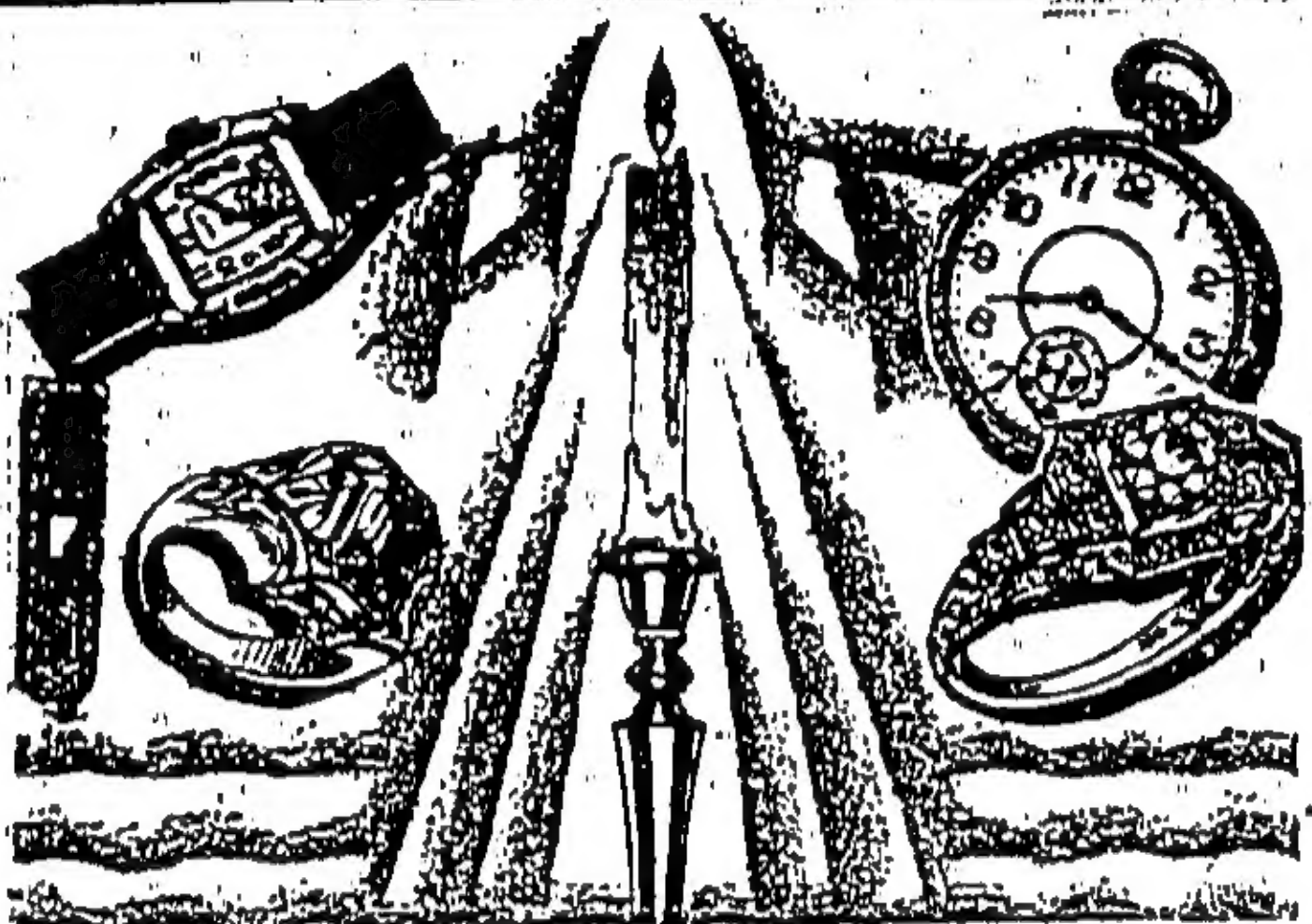
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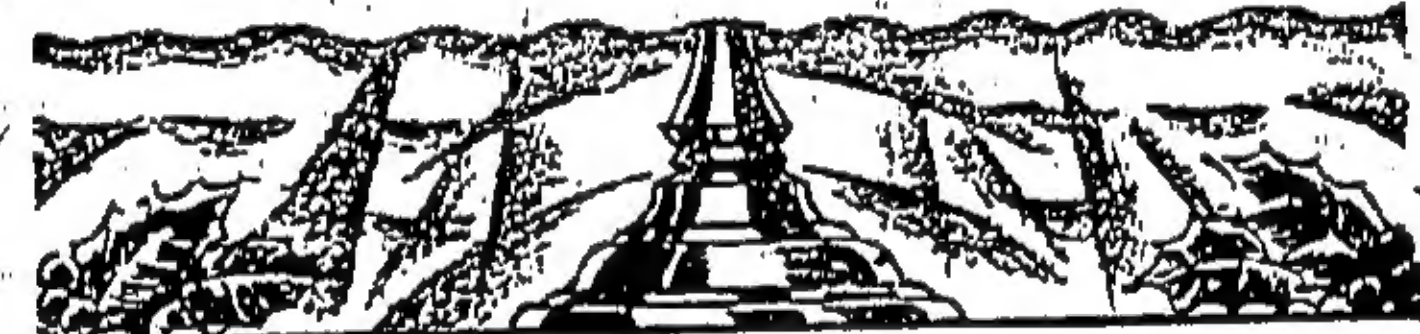
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DEFENCE IN FORGED BANKNOTE CASE.

The defence opened yesterday afternoon in the case in which Cheung Ching Shan of the Lee Fung Hang firm is charged with uttering and possessing six forged \$100 notes of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

The defendant said in evidence that the notes had nothing whatever to do with him and complained that he was roughly handled by no fewer than six police officers.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, junior, instructed by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, appeared for the defence. Mr. H. J. Armstrong of Messrs. Deacons, represented the Shiu On Wing firm, to whom the forged notes were alleged to have passed. Mr. M. M. Watson represented the Lee Fung Hang firm, where the defendant was employed.

WHAT HAPPENED IN DETECTIVE OFFICE?

Defendant, giving his version of what took place, said he was given seven \$500 notes on the day in question to make two payments. He made one payment of \$301 by tendering one of the \$500 notes and received three \$50 and some smaller notes as change. He paid the Shiu On Wing six \$500 notes and two of \$50 in payment of their account. The money was handed to the only man in the shop, Au Yeung Lai Sang, an accountant.

Defendant said this accountant examined and counted the notes and then put them away in a drawer. He (defendant) then returned to his own shop and was given two lists of debtors, whom he duly visited that afternoon, returning to his shop at about 4.30 p.m. when he found two men from the Shiu On Wing firm waiting. They had some \$100 banknotes with them and accused the defendant of having uttered them. Defendant immediately disclaimed all knowledge of them, explaining that he had met the bill with \$500 notes.

At first he refused to accompany the two foks of the Shiu On Wing back to their premises, but as one of the men explained that he had better have the matter out direct with the man who stated that defendant had passed the notes, defendant went to the Shiu On Wing.

Defendant told the Court that it was not true that he tendered the six \$100 notes, and that he had been warned by the Shiu On Wing, that if the notes were found otherwise than genuine, he would have to change them. Such a conversation never took place.

Continuing his evidence, witness said that as soon as he got inside the Shiu On Wing firms premises, he was accused of having uttered notes by Au Yeung Lai Sang. He proceeded to explain that he had done nothing of the kind and stated that he had tendered six \$500 and two \$50 notes, but the accountant denied this, and they carried on in this way until a district watchman arrived on the scene.

Defendant's Denials.

The watchman asked what was the matter and after hearing the Shiu On Wing foks, said he wanted to arrest defendant for passing forged banknotes. Defendant explained that he had not passed false notes, and realising that he was about to be arrested he asked leave to use the telephone and in due course communicated with his manager.

At the Central Police Station he was put in the dock. The Inspector questioned him about his address and other matters and witness again denied having uttered the \$100 notes at any time. The money changer was sent for and after examining the notes declared them genuine. The notes were then handed by the Inspector to one of the Shiu On Wing's foks, but a Chinese detective (Chu Wo) asked the foks for the notes and copied the numbers onto a piece of paper, and then asked the defendant to sign the paper. Defendant refused to do so, saying that he had nothing to do with the notes. The Inspector then allowed him to leave the dock and he returned to his shop where he stayed that night.

The next day he was at his work as usual, and in the afternoon he went to a tea merchant. While he was there a foki of the Shiu On Wing (Au Yeung Yuk Fai) accompanied by a district watchman called and told the defendant that the Inspector wanted to see him about "yesterday's notes." Defendant left the tea merchant, but as soon as he was in the road, the district watchman placed a hand on his neck and told him he was under arrest.

Handcuffed in Detective Office.

He was at first put in the dock in the charge room, but after five minutes the district watchman took him to a room in the detective office. Besides himself, the district watchman and Au Yeung Yuk Fai were in the room, but they did not stay there, the defendant being removed to an adjacent room and told to squat down in a corner, after he had been handcuffed. He was then removed to yet another room.

There was a European officer in plain clothes in this room but it was not the one who had given evidence (Detective Sergeant Kennedy).

Here Chu Wo, the Chinese detective, is alleged to have accused him of passing the forged banknotes and witness denied having done so. "As soon as I said this, he struck me and kicked me," added the witness. "He struck me on the chest with his fist and kicked me on the legs and said I had better admit, but I refused to do so." Witness added that Sergeant Kennedy was not in the room at the time. After a time he was questioned by the Chinese detective again who asked, "Are you going to admit?" to which defendant replied "No." Thereupon he was again assaulted in the presence of a European, who saw what was happening.

Witness said that throughout these assaults, both the district watchman, and the foki of Shiu On Wing, Au Yeung Yuk Fai were present. The latter, defendant alleged, urged the detective to strike him until "he was hurt and would admit."

Witness said that Chu Wo, the detective, kept asking "Who was the man who handed you the notes," and defendant told him to telephone to his master. This the detective refused to do or to let defendant do.

Chu Wo is then alleged to have asked the defendant to take him out to look for the man. Defendant refused to do so and was again assaulted. Eventually, he explained, he was obliged to consent to go out, as he could not stand the beating any longer and as he also saw a chance of communicating his plight to some friend who might get him assistance.

Fists and Bullets?

By this time (the time he consented to go out) Sergeant Kennedy had arrived. Defendant said that the policemen assaulted him with their fists and with round blackwood rules.

Mr. d'Almada: How many police officers struck you?

Witness: Altogether six policemen set upon me. I can identify four of them.

Did the district watchman strike you?—Yes, and Chu Wo. Sergeant Kennedy also struck me and one other European officer. The Europeans did not strike me so severely as the Chinese. I suffered very much.

Before going out, said the defendant, all he said to the Police officers was that he was going to "look for his friend." Witness had hoped to tell a friend all about the assault and get a solicitor to help him. He took the Police to the house of a friend who lived opposite the Ko Shing Theatre but failed to find the man, as he had already gone to Swatow.

Defendant was brought back to the Police Station and was again assaulted, this time being told to admit that he himself had uttered the notes. He concluded by saying that he had to do what he was told to avoid the assault. In jail, explained the witness, he was examined by doctors.

The hearing was adjourned.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF
EASTERN PORTS.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING
DECEMBER 14.

Plague.	Cases	Deaths
Alexandria	2	1
Baghdad	1	1
Pnom Penh	1	1
Calcutta	9	36
Tuticorin	2	—
Pnom Penh	2	—
Small-Pox.		
Berbera	5	3
Baghdad	10	6
Bombay	13	4
Calcutta	34	22
Cochin	68	6
Karachi	10	2
Madras	10	2
Moulmein	2	2
Ratavia	2	2
Canton	6	—

BRAVE CATTLE
DEALER.

MEN IN THE CASE
DISCHARGED.

The case in which four Chinese were charged with attempted armed robbery at the quarters of a cattle dealer living in Ma Tou Kok Road, Kowloon City on November 13, was again before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith yesterday.

It was stated in evidence that four armed men visited the complainant's premises but were foiled by the old man's resistance and took to their heels.

One of the men was caught, and as a result of his information the other three defendants were also arrested. An identification parade was held but only one defendant was recognised and by one witness only who disclosed later that he knew the man. The second and fourth defendants were arrested at the Ling Nam Company's premises in Yau-mat. They claimed that they had been there the whole evening.

The Magistrate and Mr. Arthur Covey who appeared for the second and fourth defendants, visited the premises attacked and on returning to Court the Magistrate remarked that he agreed that the defendants could not have left without anyone having seen them.

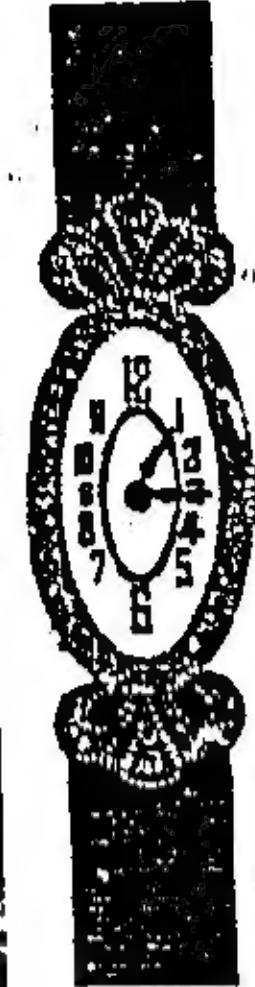
Evidence of the identification parade was given by Mr. L. H. V. Booth, A.S.P., and Police evidence of arrest by Inspector Fallon.

Mr. Covey applied for the release of his clients, and the second and fourth defendants were discharged. Further evidence was taken and the hearing was adjourned.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT
THAT LASTS.

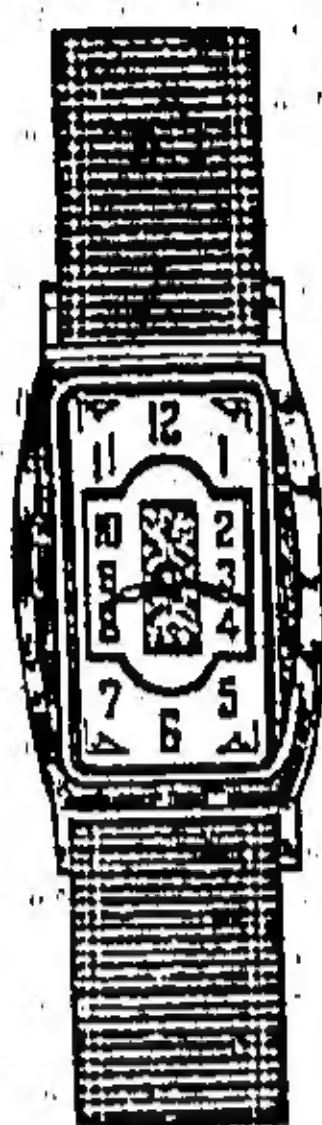
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CANTON AFFAIRS.

WUCHOW OCCUPIED AGAIN.

A NEW ARMY!

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 20. The Canton forces captured Wuchow early yesterday morning without opposition.

The Yunnan expedition, under General Yun Lung, comprising two divisions is advancing towards the heart of Kwangsi very rapidly. They have captured Pui Seh, Yau Yang and Yau Lung, all important points on the light river in eastern Kwangsi. The Yunnan troops are heading for Lung On, some 45 miles east of Nanning. This invasion of Kwangsi is reported to have been sanctioned both by Nanking and Canton, the purpose being to drive out the Kwangsi clique from the Province.

The fall of Wuchow is looked upon in local circles as the beginning of the end of the anti-Kwangsi campaign. The field headquarters of the Cantonese forces is being moved there from Shuihung.

Gen. Chen Tsai Tong and his staff left Samshui for Wuchow on a gunboat early this morning. The Commander-in-Chief expects to remain in Wuchow for some time, to direct operations there. It is not likely the drive will continue much beyond Wuchow, owing to the extreme difficulties of the task. It is learned from reliable sources that the Cantonese troops are concentrating their positions up the West River.

RECRUITS TO CANTON.

POOR MISGUIDED PRISONERS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 20. The total number of prisoners taken from the "Ironside" and the Kwangsi troops and brought to Canton exceeds 6,000. All the opera houses and most of the cinema houses in the city have been taken over by the military to keep these war prisoners in.

Guards from the Military Headquarters are stationed in front of each of these "theatrical prisons," all of which are located in the busiest business sections of the city.

The prisoners are being well cared for, as the Canton Higher Command has decided to incorporate all the 31 men into the Cantonese army. They will be distributed among the various units throughout the Province. Canton's losses are believed to be just as much as those of the "Ironside" and Kwangsi troops, and replacement is necessary.

There is no reason, it is urged, that they should not be utilized.

LI FUK LAM DEAD?

A CANTON REPORT.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 20. It is reported that General Li Fuk Lam, the uncrowned king of Honan Island, is dead in Shanghai, following a brief illness. The General was responsible for putting down the Communist uprisings during 1927, and was a staunch supporter of Mr. Wang Ching Wei, the leader of extremists. For this he lost his "crown" and had to go to Hong Kong where he had been living ever since.

The General was better known in Chinese as Li Tang Tung, in allusion to incidents 20 years ago. During the Revolutionary War of 1911, he enlisted in the army, and eventually became a general.

CANTON GUNBOATS AT WUCHOW.

ATTACKS ON KWEILIN AND NANNING PLANNED.

According to the vernacular Press, Admiral Chen Chak's flotilla captured Wuchow at 7 a.m. on Thursday morning, the Kwangsi troops having evacuated the place and retreated to Tengkien. The gunboats Kinyue, Kwangon and Kong-tai are at anchor in Wuchow and several hundred marines are now garrisoning the place.

General Chen Tsai Tong, who is now at Shuihung, is planning an attack on Kweilin and Nanning. It is expected that heavy fighting will occur at Kweilin, upon which the "Ironside" are said to be converging.

There are about two thousand "Ironside" and some Kwangsi troops scattered about the North River districts. Most of them are without arms.

WEST RIVER TRAFFIC.

Last night the s.s. Chung On left for Wuchow, and the s.s. Kong So will leave to-day. The s.s. Kong Ning is due to sail on Monday, while the s.s. Tak Hing and Tai Ming, which are at present in dock, will resume service as soon as possible.

THE LATE DR. A. D. HICKLING.

TSAN YUK HOSPITAL MEMORIAL.

PORTRAIT UNVEILED BY LADY CLEMENTI.

Tributes to the unselfish labours of the late Dr. (Mrs.) A. D. Hickling, M.B.E., on behalf of the sick of Hong Kong, were paid when a portrait presented by the staff and nurses of the Tsan Yuk Hospital, Western Street, was unveiled in the hall of the building yesterday by Lady Clementi.

Among those present were the Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy, D.D. (Bishop of Victoria), the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E., and Mrs. Hallifax, the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington and Mrs. Wellington, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. A. Moore, Mrs. W. T. Southern, Mrs. H. T. Greasy, Mrs. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. C. C. Hickling, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Dr. E. W. Kirk, Dr. E. P. Minnett, Dr. Samy, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Mr. Li Yau Tsun, C.B.E., Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. Lo Chung Kui, the Rev. H. R. Wells, Mr. E. Ralphs, Mr. E. R. Dovey, and Mr. J. L. McPherson.

Dr. S. W. Tso's Address.

The Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., LL.D., as Chairman of one of the various sub-committees connected with the institution, addressed the gathering as follows:

On behalf of the staff and student nurses past and present of the Tsan Yuk Hospital, I thank you, Lady Clementi, for your kindness in consenting to come here this afternoon and perform the function of unveiling the portrait of our friend the late Dr. (Mrs.) A. D. Hickling, M.B.E.

This portrait, presented to the hospital by the staff and student nurses, is in memory of her and an expression of their deep sense of gratitude for what she had done for them and the Tsan Yuk Hospital.

As medical officer of Chinese hospitals and public dispensaries, Dr. Hickling supervised the work of the Tsan Yuk since its inception in the year 1923. She also took charge of the education and the training of student nurses as midwives.

It was at her suggestion that the Government sent our matron, Miss Leung, to the Rotunda Hospital at Dublin for a course of training, in consequence of which, the teaching of midwifery in the Tsan Yuk is now based entirely on that of the Rotunda.

Dr. Hickling's Work Recalled.

Through her energy and foresight Tsan Yuk has become what it is to-day—one of the best conducted hospitals in the Colony. During the year 1928 there were no less than 1333 maternity cases admitted into the hospital. The statistics show a death rate of one in every 221 cases or decimal 45 per cent., which compared very favourably with those of home hospitals.

Working as she did chiefly among the poorer classes of Chinese her sympathetic and kindly disposition soon led her to discover what the poor needed. She initiated a baby clinic at the Tsan Yuk and subsequently introduced it to other Chinese hospitals. This interest in infant welfare on her part will have a very far reaching effect and a sure improvement in the health statistics of the Colony; as mothers who came with their babies were taught how to take care of them, and it is hoped, therefore, that, by this means, infant mortality in the Colony will be reduced.

Finding that many maternity cases required special treatment and that the Tsan Yuk, without a gynaecological ward and an operation theatre, could not do its work properly as a maternity hospital she began, in 1925, to set apart certain rooms for such a ward and an operation theatre. This innovation was much appreciated and many cases of diseases peculiar to women came to the hospital. During her furlough in 1927 she invited Professor Tottenham of the Hong Kong University to take charge of this department and the work has since then been carried on under the charge of the Professor of obstetrics and gynaecology of the University. Dr. C. Y. Wang Professor of pathology of the University also assisted in the pathological work. Thus the Tsan Yuk Hospital, working in conjunction with the University obstetrical department, has become one of the best midwifery clinics in the Colony. All this is due to the foresight and far seeing policy of Dr. (Mrs.) Hickling.

Permanent Memorial Fore-shadowed.

I have known Dr. Hickling since her arrival at the Colony as lady-doctor to the Alice Memorial Hospital. I have always found her taking a deep and kindly interest in the affairs of the Chinese whether she was the acting M.O.H. of the Sanitary Board, or a member of the Board of Education or the Medical Officer of Chinese hospitals. By her death the Government medical service lost one of its most able officers, the Colony, one of its most energetic, keen and public spirited citizens, and the Chinese community a kind friend.

(Continued on next column.)

A VILLAGE MURDER.

AUNT'S STORY OF HER ORDEAL.

SAW NIECE BEING STABBED.

At Central Magistracy yesterday, the Chinese who is wanted by the Canton authorities for the alleged murder of a woman in Au Chun village in 1927 was again before Mr. E. W. Hamilton.

Evidence was given by the mother of the murdered girl, who broke down in the middle of her story. She stated that her daughter lived in a house adjacent to her own, and that on April 23, she was told by a relative that her daughter had been stabbed. She was cooking rice at the time, but left her work to rush to her daughter's side, arriving in time to see her die. The girl made a dying statement.

The old woman said that the girl's jewellery was missed from the house after her death.

Another woman, who stated that she was the aunt of the deceased girl, said that from an adjacent house she heard cries of "Save Life." She saw a man hold the girl and stab her several times. She lost all control of her faculties and was temporarily unable to do anything. When she did regain some degree of control, she raised the alarm.

The hearing was adjourned.

WOMAN TRICKED.

JEWELLERY EXCHANGED FOR WASTE PAPER.

By means of the well known confidence trick two Chinese managed to obtain jewellery to the value of \$20 from a woman in Canton Road yesterday.

The two men accosted the woman in Canton Road and asked her if she knew a good money changer's who they had a lot of Chinese notes they wanted to change. The woman offered to take the notes to a money changer for them and was heartily thanked for her kindness. The strangers merely asked that seeing that they were entrusting her with so much, she might in her turn leave her jewellery with them as a sort of security. To this the woman agreed and it was not until she arrived at a money changer's that she realised that she had been duped.

There is no better way of keeping her money green, I consider, than to continue and extend the work she has begun; and, some day, I hope to see a new block of buildings added to the Tsan Yuk especially set apart for gynaecological cases as a permanent memorial to her.

I am sure every one of us here to-day will associate with me in expressing our deepest sympathy and condolence to her husband and relatives in their bereavement. I will now ask you, Lady Clementi, to kindly perform the function of unveiling the portrait of the late Dr. Hickling.

Lady Clementi's Tribute.

After unveiling the portrait, Lady Clementi said:—

I expect many people here know Dr. Hickling better than I did. Some of you had the privilege of being bound up with her in her work, which is the best way of knowing anyone. I only worshipped her from afar, but even the small knowledge I had of her I account a precious possession. Dr. Hickling was one of those rare characters who light up this poor world and reveal to us the divine in human nature.

The outline of her 25 years of devoted work for this Colony is well-known, but the full tale of her labours in alleviation of human misery is known only to the wondering angels. In these days of self-advertisement her modesty seems almost as marvellous as her work.

That we should have lost her at the height of her usefulness is a poignant tragedy; but, like Florence Nightingale, her greatest achievement lay in the manner in which she trained and inspired others, and through those she taught she still daily serves Hong Kong's poor and suffering.

In the Public Dispensaries of the Colony, in the Kwong Wah, the Tung Wah and the Wantai Hospitals, her living influence still moves among us to-day, and more especially in this Tsan Yuk Hospital, which is her own special creation. How earnestly I hope, Dr. Tso, that your wish may be fulfilled, and that an additional block of buildings may be added to the hospital in her name that the Colony may never forget her.

Who shall estimate what the force of her example has been to many who only met her casually, whose contact with her may even have been of the slightest? Can those of us who saw it ever forget the sight of her heroic soul, as she faced death so gallantly, working to the last, regardless of her own suffering, absorbed in her plans for the welfare of her beloved people?

She has passed beyond our sight, and we shall never look upon her like again.

At the close of Lady Clementi's remarks Dr. (Mrs.) A. L. J. Dovey thanked her and the gathering on behalf of the Hospital and invited inspection of the building.

HONG KONG FLYING CLUB FORMED.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR ON THE GREAT FUTURE OF AVIATION IN CHINA.

"TO REVOLUTIONISE LIFE IN THE FAR EAST."

A very enthusiastic meeting at the City Hall yesterday evening passed the brief resolution that "the Hong Kong Flying Club" be formed. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., took the chair and the feature of the proceedings was Sir Cecil's eloquent appeal to the Colony to support this important move towards making Hong Kong an air port as well as a seaport. "Aviation will revolutionise life in the Far East," said His Excellency and spoke of the seven days journey from here to England, which was already a technical possibility.

A VITALLY IMPORTANT MATTER TO HONG KONG.

Among those supporting H.E. the Governor were:—H.E. Sir J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Vice-Admiral Sir A. K. Waisell, K.C.B., Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, and Mrs. Shenton, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., the Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., D.S.O., the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, Wing-Comdr. Steele Perkins, Prof. Middleton Smith, Mr. Vaughan Fowler, Mr. A. W. Summers, Mr. A. Ritchie, Capt. K. V. B. Benfield, D.S.O., M.C., Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones, Mr. James Choa and many others.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) said:—

Gentlemen,—We are met here this afternoon, in order to constitute a Flying Club in Hong Kong. It is a great pleasure to me to preside over a meeting held for this purpose, and I am exceedingly glad that the Club is to be constituted before I leave Hong Kong. The objects of the Club are as follows:

- To provide flying instruction;
- To create air-mindedness in this Colony;
- To make better known in the Far East British flying machines and British methods of flying;
- To provide the necessary training for the nucleus of a Volunteer Air Squadron.

(c) To provide another opportunity for social intercourse between all communities in this Colony without distinction of race or class.

Hong Kong to be An Air Port.

Hong Kong is already the greatest shipping-port in the Far East, and the Government and the people of this Colony are determined to leave nothing undone which may assist Hong Kong to take its rightful place as one of the best, if not the very best, of air-ports in the Far East.

The Hong Kong Government, with the full support and encouragement of His Majesty's Government, has now almost completed the construction of the Kai Tak Aerodrome at the head of Kowloon Bay. We are also about to erect, again with the assistance of His Majesty's Government, a suitable hangar in this aerodrome, capable of housing not only the flying machines of the Royal Air Force, but also those intended for the use of the Flying Club. Moreover, the Hong Kong Government attaches so much importance to the establishment of a Flying Club in the Colony that the Legislative Council has voted \$50,000 as an initial grant to the Club and has also undertaken to pay the Club an annual subsidy of \$30,000. These votes have received the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and we are met to-day to inaugurate the Club, so that it may be in a position to commence work early in next year.

Immense Possibilities.

The Great War, and still more the years subsequent to the Great War, have demonstrated the immense possibilities of aviation, both military and commercial. Hitherto the Far East has in this respect lagged behind; but the opportunities here are infinite, and I am confident that from small beginnings we shall lay the foundations of very important aerial developments. We hope that in this matter we shall have the co-operation of China, who is our nearest neighbour, and not only of China, but of Japan, the Philippine Islands, Macao, Kwang Chow Wan, French Indo-China and Siam. I do not, of course, suggest that members of the Hong Kong Flying Club will at the outset wing their way all over the country. I have named; but the remarkable achievements of airmen and airwomen in Europe suggest that in the near future flights from Hong Kong may be made quite often along the whole west coast of the Pacific, and even further still.

The possibilities for aviation in China appear to me to be limitless; for aviation has begun at a time when the Eighteen Provinces possess very few railways, in comparison with their size, some of them none at all, when scarcely any trunk roads suitable for motor traffic have been built, and when the lawlessness, anarchy and piracy at sea suggest that the air may be

a safer medium of transport than land or water.

To England in a Week.

Moreover, the speed of aerial communication is astonishing. I can remember how toilsomely, years ago, I made my way on foot and on horseback through most of the Eighteen Provinces of China. The various journeys occupied months—one of them almost a year. But now a flight from Hong Kong to Peking should easily be made in two days. A flight to Chengtu in Szechuan, or Lanchowfu in Kansu should take no longer; and a flight to Hankow or Yunnanfu might be made in a day. I have heard it said that the German Luftschiff, contemplating a flying service from Berlin to Peking in five days. If from Hong Kong we can connect with such a service in two days, the journey to England would take little more than a week. Such developments will completely revolutionise life in the Far East and will bring the mother country much closer to Hong Kong and, as I hope, thereby assist our people better to understand Hong Kong and to give Hong Kong a larger measure of their interest and support. The best way for us to assist in such developments is to create air-mindedness in this Colony, and the best way to create air-mindedness is to form a Flying Club.

The preparatory work for the formation of a Hong Kong Flying Club was largely done by Mr. Vaughan Fowler, whose unbounded enthusiasm and wide experience as an airman has enabled us to present to you to-day an attractive scheme for its inauguration.

I have appointed the Honourable Mr. W. E. L. Shenton to be the first Wing-Commodore and President of the Club, and I now invite him to explain to you in outline the proposed draft constitution of the Club. You will then be asked to approve of these proposals in principle and to appoint a committee to work out the necessary details. (Applause.)

THE FORMAL RESOLUTION.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton after outlining the objects for which the Club was being formed, said that he was very pleased to be able to announce that Mr. A. W. Summers had kindly consented to act as Hon. Secretary of the Club (applause)—and Mr. A. Ritchie as Hon. Treasurer (applause)—the latter having promised to act at least until the Club had thoroughly got going. Mr. Shenton concluded by putting to the meeting the formal resolution that "The Hong Kong Flying Club" be formed.

Mr. R. Vaughan Fowler seconded and the motion was carried with applause.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Sir Henry Pollock then proposed: "That the undermentioned persons shall be the first members of the General Committee and are authorised to take such steps as may be necessary for the preparation of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Club and the bye-laws, and that they are further authorised to proceed generally with the organization of the proposed Club."

Wing-Commodore.—Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Naval Representative.—Lt.-Cdr. W. B. Keith, R.N., Capt. K. V. B. Benfield, D.S.O., M.C. (G.S.O. III. China Command).

Royal Air Force Representative.—Wing-Comdr. A. H. S. Steele Perkins, O.B.E., R.A.F.

Government Representative.—Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (Rtd.)

Hon. Secretary.—Mr. A. W. Summers.

Hon. Treasurer.—Mr. A. Ritchie.

Club Captain.—Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones.

General Committee.—Mr. R. Vaughan Fowler.

The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow seconded, and the motion was "passed unanimously."

In conclusion, His Excellency thanked the audience for attending the meeting and for the very cordial reception which they had given to the project. He also wished to thank many of them for the kind things they had said about his own share in starting the Club. He hoped the Hong Kong Flying Club would be a very great success. (Applause.)

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JAPANESE-CHINESE
TROUBLES.MR. OBATA AS A
PAWN?

BROAD HINTS GIVEN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

While Nanking has not refused to agree to Mr. Obata's appointment or asked his name to be withdrawn, official Chinese opinion expressed to Tokyo is that his acceptance is difficult.

Baron Shidehara, in view that a fortnight has passed since the agreement, asked and summoned the Chinese Minister Wang Yun Pao to the Foreign Office, and asked why the appointment could not go through.

It is understood that Dr. Wang replied that while the Nanking regime did not object to Mr. Obata, there is considerable popular opposition, owing to the "21 Demands" making Nanking's position difficult, and they are unable at present to make a definite answer.

It is learned that Tokyo does not intend to withdraw Mr. Obata's name, and meanwhile are simply awaiting developments.

It is believed that China is taking advantage of the question of the appointment of a new Minister. They have brought up the question of raising the status of a Legation to an Embassy, but Japan, though ready to agree in principle, is unable to concur at present, owing to international sentiment on the matter.

WANG CHING WEI IN
SHANGHAI?PLOTING WITH FENG AND
YEN HSI SHAN.

[FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

Shanghai, Dec. 20.

It is learned from reliable sources that in view of the failure of their campaign against Kwantung, the "Left Wing" of the Kuomintang (led by Mr. Wang Ching Wei) is to abandon its idea of political dictatorship by the Kuomintang. The object is to try and lure General Yen Hsi Shan and Chang Hsueh Liang (the Manchurian ruler) into further combined efforts to oust Marshal Chiang Kai Shek. Their plan is then to call a national convention to settle outstanding difficulties and to organise a constitutional government.

A special message from Shanghai states that Mr. Wang Ching Wei, has arrived there from Hong Kong, and in an interview with Pressmen, said that he strongly favoured the calling of a national convention by the Northern leaders. His immediate object was to consult members of the 2nd Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang regarding the problem.

But our acceptance of the Northern leaders' suggestion of a national convention must be on condition that it is really representative of the interests of the oppressed Chinese masses instead of feudalistic military groups. Mr. Wang Ching Wei added that the remnants of the "Ironclads" and the Kwangsi forces will be concentrated in Kwangsi with Wuchow as the first base point to hold [it has already fallen] against Cantonese invasion, and while awaiting future developments in the Yangtze Valley.

Mr. Wang and his supporters believe that if they succeed in straightening out their political differences with Yen Hsi Shan, they would do much to re-establish their position against the Nanking regime and in the near future military support, would at least be neutral towards their efforts to unite the "opportunistic generals" in Honan, Shantung, Anhui and Hunan against the Nanking regime. It is said that Feng Yu Hsiang favours this scheme and another report even goes so far as to allege that Feng has come to a new agreement with Tang Seng Chi for a joint campaign against the Nanking regime. Feng's leading generals, Sung Tee Yuen and Sun Liang, are massing their forces at Tungkuang, a strategic point on the Shensi border in readiness to co-operate with Tang Seng Chi.

Chiang's Counter-Moves. What is Marshal Chiang Kai Shek's policy? The success of his Canton allies in warding off the invasions of Kwantung is certainly a help to his regime. He is now able to devote his energy to an attack on a large scale on the "rebels" in Anhui and Honan. He has sent General Ho Cheng Chun to Hankow to consult with General Liu Chih upon a campaign against Honan from Hankow.

(Continued on next Column.)

JAPAN'S MANY
SCANDALS.MR. KOBASHI NOT TO BE
PROSECUTED.

FACTS OF THE CASE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

Owing to lack of incriminating evidence, the judicial authorities, after a close examination, decided not to prosecute Mr. Ichita Kobashi, who resigned from the Cabinet on November 29.

RAILWAY SCANDAL
RECALLED.

The authorities appear to have adopted a special procedure in examining Mr. Kobashi, who had to resign his post as Minister of Education on suspicion of complicity in the Echigo Railway Scandal. The Tokyo Court examined him by exchanging letters instead of summoning him to the Court. According to the Japanese papers, the gist of the interrogation appears to have been about the ¥20,000, which he is alleged to have accepted from Kusumi Toma, President of the railway concern, through Mr. Satake, ex-Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Railways.

Mr. Kobashi is said to have explained that he accepted the ¥20,000 in December, 1927, as his expenses for the general election in the spring of the following year. Ten months before the delivery of this cash, in the spring of 1927, a bill for the purchase of the Echigo Railway was laid before the Imperial Diet. In those days Mr. Kobashi was the leader of the Seiyuhon party, and the procurator office was seeking evidence as to whether he had at that time any tacit understanding with Kusumi, President of the Echigo Railway Company.

Questioned by a Press interviewer, Mr. Kobashi said he never conceived that what he did would constitute a crime, especially as it happened when he was not a member of the Government. He had had to resign his portfolio for the simple reason that he was Minister of Education, and he had observed the strictest integrity in regard to the affair.

THE FLYING AGE.

CAPTAIN MAKES ATTEMPT
ON RECORD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Dec. 20.

Captain Chichester, an ex-R.A.F. pilot, left Croydon at 3 o'clock this morning on a flight to Australia. It is understood he will attempt to beat "Bert" Hinkler's record.

Chichester is not an ex-R.A.F. man but a wealthy young New Zealander, who learned flying three months ago.

Flying a Moth aeroplane with thirty gallons of petrol, he started off most casually, remarking "Cheerio, I'm off to Australia."

According to the latest report General Liu Chih has ordered the 13th Division, under General Hsu Tze Yin, and the 9th Division, under General Chiang Tzu Wen, to advance upon Southern Henan, and he has ordered two other divisions to advance upon Northern Hupeh.

Chiang's success in winning over Marshal Yen against Tang Seng Chi is another big factor in his favour. But Yen's attitude is still uncertain. If he accepts Mr. Wang Ching Wei's offer the whole situation in the North, it is believed, will be changed again.

C.E.R. CONTROVERSY.

APPARENTLY NOT SETTLED
YET.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Nanking, Dec. 20.

According to authoritative Chinese reports from Manchuria, despite the progress of the Sino-Soviet preliminary negotiations, the Soviet troops have not ceased attacking Chinese cities, and are advancing further into Chinese territory. According to Chinese reports, Russians are using bandits of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Mongolian origin to raid, plunder, and terrorise the Chinese population along the C.E.R. and in the territory east of Hulun in Inner Mongolia.

Chinese officials think that the Soviet is adopting such tactics owing to the belief that their policy of force will bring the controversy to an end in their favour.

POLITICS IN
GERMANY.DISPUTE OVER A
LOAN.

NO AMERICAN MONEY!

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Berlin, Dec. 20.

Dr. Schacht and Herr Hilferding who had friction recently, renewed their quarrel in connection with the Government's efforts to negotiate a loan with American bankers for one hundred million dollars, to replenish the empty exchequer, so as to meet the year-end obligations.

Dr. Schacht is reported to have refused his assent unless a new Finance Minister is appointed to handle the national finances more energetically, and in conformity with the Reichsbank's policy.

It is thought, therefore, that Herr Hilferding's resignation is likely.

LATER.

Herr Hilferding has apparently saved his post at least for the time being.

The Government agreed with Dr. Schacht to drop the loan negotiations with American bankers, Messrs. Dillon, Read & Co., and to obtain the necessary 450 million marks from German banks.

Government parties have brought in an urgent Bill in the Reichstag guaranteeing the amount required by taxation and economies of expenditure. The Government's financial difficulties are thus ended, at least temporarily.

It is generally thought that Herr Hilferding will remain the Finance Minister until after the Hague Conference. He will then resign in favour of someone approved by Dr. Schacht.

CO-OPERATION IN
INDUSTRY.AN IMPORTANT STEP
FORWARD.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Dec. 20.

An important step towards industrial co-operation was taken yesterday, when at a meeting of representatives of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, the National Confederation of Employers' organisations, and the Federation of British Industries, a permanent method of consultation and co-operation was unanimously approved.

The scheme establishes formal and friendly relations between the two national bodies, representative of employers and the National Organisation of Trade Unionists.

Mr. A. J. Cook, Secretary of the Miners Federation, moved the adoption of the report, which formed the basis of this important and unanimous decision.

BARCELONA CRASH.

HARROWING SCENES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Barcelona, Dec. 20.

Seventeen people were killed and 19 injured when a train crashed into a motor coach at a level-crossing near San Sadurni. Only one out of the 28 occupants of the coach was uninjured, and he disappeared, demented.

Subsequently, the train driver committed suicide by drowning.

AMERICAN PROSPERITY.

ANOTHER BIG FIRM
BROKE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Dec. 20.

On the petition of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, the Federal Judge has appointed a receiver for the International Engineering Corporation, one of the leading power generating equipment concerns of the world.

Before the crash the corporation's stock sold at \$103. To-day it is \$60. The corporation is a holding company for nearly forty subsidiaries, and its failure had a disastrous bearing effect on the market.

NAVAL CONFERENCE
TERMS.OUTSPOKEN AMERICAN
NEWSPAPER.

A LITTLE DISCUSSION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Washington, Dec. 20.

The peaceful atmosphere surrounding the visit of the Japanese delegation to the London Conference has been shattered by a controversy which has suddenly arisen as a result of an outspoken leading article in the *Washington Post*, which Mr. Stimson formally described as a "deliberate attempt to make trouble among the American delegates to the London Conference, and amongst members of the President's Cabinet to discredit the United States Government before the Japanese delegation, and thus try to cause breakdown of the London Conference."

The leading article in question said, "It is needless to say that Americans regard with some uneasiness the proposition that the size and relative strength of the United States Navy may be determined by a political bargain with other Powers, and expert naval counsel will be minimised. If not disregarded entirely, the public will be vastly reassured if the Secretary of the Navy will participate in the conference, which may shape the future of the Navy."

"When Mr. Stimson and Mr. Dwight Morrow enter into an exchange of naval views, with such an expert as Admiral Takarabe, it is not to be expected that Americans could hold their own."

Mr. Adams, Secretary of the Navy, formally denied what is referred to as an implication by the *Post*, that his absence from certain conferences with the Japanese delegate was a result of "some design aimed at the Navy and against his wishes."

An Outspoken Newspaper.

Mr. Wakatsuki, interviewed by Reuter said that if the proposal of a holiday for capital ships came before the Naval conference, the Japanese delegation would be prepared to consider a similar agreement on aeroplane-carriers. According to the newspapers the Japanese estimate of a holiday on capital ships would save them \$25,000,000.

Mr. Wakatsuki did not reveal whether he had discussed the matter with Mr. Stimson, but it is understood that the Japanese viewpoint has been made known officially in the United States, and that the question will be raised at the London conference, in connection with the consideration of the battleship replacement programme.

It may be noted that the *Post*, the largest morning paper in Washington, is somewhat Jingoistic. It is owned by Mr. E. B. McLean, who inherited a vast fortune from his father, the founder of the paper.

Mr. McLean is in no way persona grata at the White House. His leaders on various occasions have caused the administration much political embarrassment.

A French Opinion.

M. Dumesnil, as regards the London Conference, declared that "we must adopt the same policy in London as in Geneva, on sea, land and air armaments. France has the right to say 'No.' Mr. Snowden, he added, 'taught us how to say it in English.'"

American Naval Bases.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. The Naval Committee in the House of Representatives has approved the expenditure of \$11,500,000 for construction of naval bases on the east and west coasts, and the Canal Zone and Hawaii.

That Seventy Per Cent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. Mr. Matsuki, in an interview, reiterated that Japan's cardinal points were, firstly, an insistence on 70 per cent. of the greatest scientific strength allotted to other nations. Secondly, a holiday in construction of battleships until 1936. Thirdly, freedom to build any number of necessary submarines. He added that the amount of Japanese submarine tonnage had nothing to do with the programmes of France, Italy, and other powers.

FRENCH AIRMEN'S
PROGRESS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Paris, Dec. 20.

It is learned from Agria, that Le Brix and Rossi made a forced landing at Agria in bad weather, and the plane had a disastrous bearing effect on the market.

"PERSECUTION" OF
RELIGION.ANTI-SOVIET PROTEST
IN LONDON.

SCENES OF FERVOUR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Dec. 20.

The Russian Ambassador, M. Sokolnikoff, presented his credentials to the Prince of Wales at St. James Palace to-day.

There were scenes of fervour when a crowded demonstration made a protest against Soviet persecution of religion in Russia. This happened at the Albert Hall, where the audience, the majority of which were women, stood for a minute, silently remembering those who suffered for their faith in Russia.

The main resolution was moved by Lord Brentford, who condemned the cruel persecution of fellow-workmen, and the suppression of religious instruction to the young.

Chief Rabbi Hertz said that the Jews were the greatest sufferers from the Soviet religious persecution.

THE NIGERIA RIOTS.

"ALL IS NOW QUIET."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Dec. 19.

Further details of the Nigerian riots received in London give the death-roll at Opo as 20. Troops of the West African frontier force arrived in the town just in time to prevent the mob looting the warehouses and the railway station.

The rioters endeavoured to snatch rifles from soldiers, who finally were ordered to fire, when the mob to be dispersed, leaving many casualties.

The number of wounded is not yet known but apparently there are no casualties among the troops. Order has now been restored, and the administrative authorities who conducted an enquiry, think that the decision of the officer to order the troops to fire was the only possible course in the circumstances.

Factories are being opened again, and troops have been withdrawn.

The police are in control and it is thought there will not be a recurrence of rioting.

Troops In Action.

It is learned as regards the Opo riots that there were a large number of war canoes lying in the river, in which the rioters evidently intended to carry off loot. After driving off the canoes and dispersing the mob, the troops went to the native quarter and released the chief Mark Pepple Jaja, who had been seized by the rioters.

Mr. Jaja is a member of the Nigerian Legislative Council.

ICE-BOUND SHIP IN
A HURRICANE.DANISH EXPLORER'S
STORY.

Lauge Koch, the Danish explorer who returned to Copenhagen recently from an expedition to North-east Greenland, in a signed article in *Politiken* gives a vivid story of his and his comrades' terrible experience on the homeward voyage. On the outward voyage they had met with exceptionally severe ice conditions for the season and lay icebound for 10 days before they were able to enter Eyroler Fjord, the starting point of their scientific work.

On the homeward trip Koch believed for the first time since he first crossed the inland ice as a lad that he could not escape with his life and that the largest scientific expedition that has entered Polar regions must perish with him. On the second day out a snow storm blew up from the north and when it cleared they found ice in every direction and into an inch of clear water could be seen. They drifted back in the ice for several miles towards the coast. In the evening the ice screwed up round the ship and the pressure on her sides caused a noise like a machine shop. Later the current changed, and with the engines going at full speed it was sometimes possible to progress as much as a ship's length in an hour.

The next day, when they were making some progress and the weather was quiet, they received a notification from Iceland that a cyclone was approaching from the north. The barometer was falling at about one millimetre an hour. It became a race to get out of the ice into the open sea before darkness came, but the adventurers lost the race and the storm became a hurricane. They were forced to try to get back into the ice where the swell was less violent. In the distance they could see enormous breakers washing up over the icebergs.

With staysail set and all engines going they strove to get clear of this, but found themselves drawing nearer. They managed to get to the lee side of a huge ice flake but a collision could not be avoided and the bow of the ship ran above the ice, which broke under the pressure. Then the swell dashed them stern first against other ice. It was now completely dark, a hurricane raged, snow was driving down, and the deck was entirely iced over. At two o'clock a great ice flake suddenly appeared, the ship struck it, and the rudder was split. Daylight came and the rudder was repaired, and then a giant iceberg suddenly appeared and raced alongside their starboard. Clear of this danger they faced on with sails set and engines going and at last reached the open sea of the North Atlantic.

GOVERNMENT WIN
OUT.NARROW ESCAPE ON
COAL BILL.

AN EXCELLENT WHIP

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

London, Dec. 19.

The most critical division of present the Parliament was taken last night in the House of Commons when the second reading of the Government's Coal Mines Bill was carried by 281 votes to 273.

Referring to the Liberal demand for compulsory colliery amalgamations the Prime Minister said "the amalgamation could not be attained in time to enable the trade to adjust itself to the shorter working day for the miner, but the steps necessary for the amalgamation would be proceeded with without delay, and though he was doubtful if legislation could be embodied in this Bill, if it was possible to do it in that way it would be done. The uneconomically low price at which coal had been sold had not permitted decent wages to be paid to miners. When royalties were nationalised, as they must be, and that without delay—and industry re-organised, the conditions that made part one of the Bill necessary would have disappeared, and the problem of marketing coal from pithead to consumer would become soluble.

He recognised that the Bill required some strengthening, and any amendments to strengthen its provisions would be considered by the Government.

One of the most remarkable features of the Coal Bill division was that the Chief Labour Whip achieved the parliamentary distinction of a 100 per cent. vote.

Excitement in the House.

The majority which rejected the Conservative amendment to the Coal Bill consisted of 279 Labour members, and two Liberals.

The minority consisted of 298 Conservatives and 4 Independents. Liberals numbering 41, including Mr. Lloyd George, and five other Liberals abstained from voting. Twenty members paired.

A state of great excitement reigned in the Commons throughout the evening before the division. It was known the voting would be very close, and the actual result was in doubt until the tellers handed in the figures.

The Bill was subsequently committed to a committee of the whole House. Negotiations will now be resumed between the Government and the various interests and parties, with a view to an exhaustive examination in detail.

Liberals Defied.

The reason for the practically unanimous Liberal vote against the Government was Mr. MacDonald's unexpected refusal to make the concessions demanded by Mr. Lloyd George.

In the words of the *Daily News* "The Premier snapped his fingers at the Liberals, and defied his critics."

Even the *Daily Chronicle*, which recently particularly attacked the Government, as regards the Coal Bill says that the Prime Minister's speech showed him at his best, a "man of courage and rare dignity in a time of stress."

The Liberals are now confident that as Mr. Lloyd George's speech "tore the Bill to shreds" so the measure will emerge in committee drastically changed. They declare that the Government's narrow escape from defeat will mean that the whole Government programme will be disorganised for months to come.

cyclone was approaching from the north. The barometer was falling at about one millimetre an hour. It became a race to get out of the ice into the open sea before darkness came, but the adventurers lost the race and the storm became a hurricane. They were forced to try to get back into the ice where the swell was less violent. In the distance they could see enormous breakers washing up over the icebergs.

With staysail set and all engines going they strove to get clear of this, but found themselves drawing nearer. They managed to get to the lee side of a huge ice flake but a collision could not be avoided and the bow of the ship ran above the ice, which broke under the pressure. Then the swell dashed them stern first against other ice. It was now completely dark, a hurricane raged, snow was driving down, and the deck was entirely iced over. At two o'clock a great ice flake suddenly appeared, the ship struck it, and the rudder was split. Daylight came and the rudder was repaired, and then a giant iceberg suddenly appeared and raced alongside their starboard. Clear of this danger they faced on with sails set and engines going and at last reached the open sea of the North Atlantic.

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Telegram in Brief.

The Viceroy of India has agreed to the request to meet the political leaders, Gandhi, Motilal Nehru, Mr. V. K. Pabla, Mr. M. A. Jinnah and Sir Tej Sapru at the Viceroy's Lodge.

President Hoover has appointed a research committee, with Mr. W. C. Mitchell, Professor of Economics at Columbia University as chairman, to enquire into significant social changes in American life in recent years.

The tennis star, Miss Helen Wills and a San Francisco broker Mr. Fred Moody, aged 98, have applied for a marriage licence.

The David Livingstone Centenary Medal for exceptionally important achievement in the field of geography in the southern hemisphere has been awarded to Commander Byrd by the National Geographical Society. Previous recipients include Sir Douglas Mawson and ex-President Roosevelt.

The six alleged munitions smugglers, arrested as the result of a haul of millions of rounds of ammunition at Kiel recently, in boxes marked "Machinery" and destined for China, have been acquitted, with costs against the State. Throughout the trial the Press and public were excluded from the Court. The Press were not even allowed to hear the reasons for the judgment.

A message from Nogales states that General Carlos Bouquet, the chief supporter of the defeated Presidential candidate, Jose Vasconcelos, has been executed by Federal troops.

The Governments of India, Australia, and South Africa have expressed their inability to participate in the Tariff Truce Conference which is being held in accordance with the League of Nations Assembly resolution. Mr. W. Graham, the President of the Board of Trade, is to represent Britain.

KOWLOON TRAFFIC CASES.

BUS ROAD HOG PUNISHED.

A Kowloon bus driver was summoned before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday for speeding along the Kowloon City Road. Sub-inspector Mason, Police Mechanic, who prosecuted, said that the road was under repair, leaving only 11 feet for traffic to pass. Witness followed the defendant's bus which was travelling at 31 miles per hour. A number of people were about at the time and there was always a danger of small children running out from verandahs, and the bus would not have been able to pull up in time. He would not have gone more than 8 or 7 m.p.h. if he had been driving.

A MEAN LORRY DRIVER.

Sub-inspector Mason also prosecuted a lorry driver for not having two independent and efficient brakes. It was stated that one brake was useless while the other was good.

The driver said that he told his owner about the brakes but in spite of that he had been ordered to take the lorry out. The owner was spoken to by the police and replied that he was too busy to worry about brakes!

A fine of \$25 was imposed. Another lorry driver was also summoned for inefficient brakes but failed to appear in Court. The summons was adjourned.

NEGLIGENT DRIVING ON A
DANGEROUS ROAD.

A public vehicle driver was summoned for negligent driving on the Taiipo Road. Traffic Sergeant Clarke prosecuted and said that the defendant came around one of the blind corners of the Reservoir area without hooting. Fortunately he was travelling slow or a collision with an oncoming vehicle would have been unavoidable. The Magistrate fined the defendant \$25.

LADY MOTORIST FINED.

Summoned for passing moving vehicles in a controlled area and for failing to produce her licence, Mrs. Robertson was yesterday fined \$5. The Magistrate, Mr. Hamilton, decided that a caution would meet the former offence.

It was stated that the defendant passed two vehicles, a motor lorry and an "Aberdeen" bus, but her speed was moderate. Mrs. Robertson had a clear record for the six months that she has had a driving licence.

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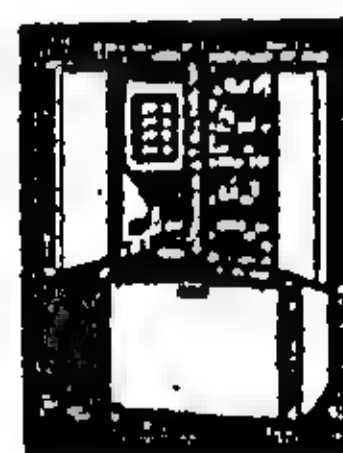
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ROUND THE COURTS.

FIGHT OVER A COFFIN.

Two Chinese, who appeared before
Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon
Magistracy yesterday for disorderly
conduct, were stated to have quar-
relled over a debt incurred for a
coffin.

It was stated that the first de-
fendant guaranteed a friend to the
second defendant for the price of
the coffin, and now he was unable
to get his money. The second de-
fendant denied this and said that
he merely introduced the man to
the coffin dealer.

Both were bound over to be of
good behaviour.

Two ricksha coolies were also
bound over for fighting over a debt
of 50 cents. The debtor was ordered
to repay the money.

AN EXPENSIVE PRECAUTION.

A Chinese was arrested by the
police following a raid on the
ground floor of 3, Portland Street.
Information had been given that an
armed robbery would be carried out
on the premises, and the man was
found, according to the police, in
possession of a butcher's knife.

The defendant told the Magis-
trate that he had no intention of
committing a robbery, but that a
friend living on the premises owed
him some money which he was
going to demand back. He took
the knife with him in case he was
attacked.

The Magistrate remarked that it
was an unusually frank statement
and fined the defendant \$250 or
three months' hard labour.

BWARE OF WIDOWS!

A Chinese woman carrying a
child on her back, was before Mr.
Whyte Smith for hawking without
a license. The woman said that it
was her only means of livelihood,
and the Magistrate, after hearing
the evidence, recommended the
defendant for a free license from
the Poor Box.

Sergeant Barnide remarked to
his Worship that he did not think
the defendant should be granted
the license, as nearly every widow
in Kowloon would get herself to be
arrested in the hope of getting a
free license. The officer said that
he had had one woman applying
for a license stating that her hus-
band was dead for the last ten or
twelve years, but she had a son
with her who was only four or five
years old! The defendant was cau-
tioned.

\$2,000 ESTREATED.

Chan Hang Po described as the
manager of the King Fok Wo firm,
who is charged on three counts of
embezzlement, of sums totalling
\$6,229.83, was to have appeared at
Central Magistracy yesterday. He
failed to make an appearance and
his bail of \$2,000 was estreated.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

The Shantung constable who was
accused of the manslaughter of a
Chinese woman has had the charge
reduced to one of causing grievous
bodily harm.

Mr. L. R. Andrewes, who pro-
secuted, stated that the woman's
death was attributed to pneu-
monia, and could not be connected
with the assault.

The case is to be heard on Mon-
day at 2.15 p.m.

HUMOUR: ANCIENT AND MODERN.

Griggs: "Popularity depends
upon how we treat our friends."
Briggs: "Yes, and how often."

Old Lady (at restaurant): "I
see that tips are forbidden here."
Waiter: "Lor' bless yer, mum-
so was apples in the Garden of
Eden!"

"Pardon me," said the little
man, "but are you quite sure it was
a marriage licence you gave me on
the tenth of March?"

The clerk prepared to turn up
particulars. "I believe so, sir,"
he said, "but why do you ask?"
"Well, I've led a dog's life ever
since, that's all."

Binks: "I wonder this rotten
club doesn't drive you to matri-
mony."

Jinks: "My dear sir, matrimony
drove me to this club."

"I envy that fat woman when
she laughs."

"Why?"

"There seems to be so much of
her having a good time."

Bertie: "Papa, do they have doc-
tors to treat pigs?"

Papa: "Yes, my son; only they
are not called doctors, but veteri-
nary surgeons. Why do you ask?"
Bertie: "I was just wondering
who cured bacon."



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HOW BLACKMAILERS WERE FOILED IN TIENTSIN.

POLICE INSPECTOR IMPERSONATES INTENDED VICTIM.
LATEST ECHO OF THE BRENNER CASE.

Sensations in connection with the Brenner blackmailing case at Tientsin seem to be without end.

After arresting the nine Caucasians, alleged to have been responsible for the kidnapping and holding to ransom of Aaron Brenner, the police believed that they had the whole gang under lock and key. They were destined to receive a shock, for shortly after the police released their reports they were informed by the Brenner brothers that another letter had been received, demanding \$45,000 and threatening death to the family if the money was not paid. The letter stated that although the police had arrested a few men the Brenner brothers were not to think that the business had been settled, as there were still a few others who had something to say in the matter.

"Treasure" in a Post.
The letter, signed "The Gang," went on to say that the money was to be deposited in a hole specially made in a cement lamp post in the French Concession on Saturday night, November 30, and a drawing was given of the lamp post, and the hole shown by an arrow, with the figure \$45,000.

This letter was handed over to the French Police authorities and a trap was set. A dummy package was placed in the hole in the lamp post and a watch kept that night. Although a young Russian was seen approaching the lamp post, twice he was not arrested as he did not touch the package.

Marked With Crosses.

The day after the Brenner brothers received another letter, this time stipulating that on the three days, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 2, 3 and 4 Aaron Brenner was to ride in his motor-car down Davenport Road, between the Empire Theatre and the French Park, each day between three and four o'clock in the afternoon. He was to have the packet of money in his hand, in plain view, and the windows were to be let down so that the interior of the car could be seen, and nobody was to be hidden in the car. The car was to be marked with crosses, one on each side of the bonnet, and one on the door of the car on the driving wheel side. The car was to proceed at the slow rate of five miles an hour.

Disguised Detective.

This letter was handed immediately to the British Municipal Police authorities, who fixed up another trap. On Wednesday, December 4, at three o'clock, Asst. Inspector H. M. MacKenzie, muffled up in the overcoat and hat of Mr. Aaron Brenner and seated in the Brenners' car, marked as directed, rode down Davenport Road very slowly. He had the packet in his hand and took care that it could be seen. After riding about for some time, at about half past three, a Russian standing at the corner of MacCartney Road made a slight sign for the car to stop. The car was halted and the Russian made a circular motion with his hand, indicating that the car was to turn. The car was turned and drawn up to the pavement.

The Russian then approached the car and held out his hand for the packet, feeling in his pocket as if for a weapon. Inspector MacKenzie opened the door of the car, and the Russian evidently took fright and bolted. He was caught after a brief chase and taken to

the station. At the station he denied that he knew anything about the affair, and stated that he had been instructed to stand on Davenport Road and when he saw a car with crosses on it he was to go up and ask for a packet. When asked who sent him for the packet he said that it was a Mr. E. D. Shapakidze, living at 37 Cousins Road, and identified him at a parade at the police station.

Arrest Made.

The police immediately sent men to locate Shapakidze. He was not at home, but close on to five o'clock he was arrested on Elgin Avenue. He was brought to the station, but denied any knowledge of the letters. Police agents at around seven o'clock took Shapakidze with them to search his room at 37 Cousins Road, and found there some plain white envelopes, of the same size, quality and other characteristics as the envelope in which the second threatening letter was received by the Brenner brother. His wife returned home just at the time, and Shapakidze informed her that he had been arrested, but said, "Don't worry, I'll be out to-morrow."

He is being held by the B.M.C. Police authorities.

Agents of the French Police later identified the young Russian as the one who had been near the lamp post twice. It was also learned that he had applied to the American Consulate General for a visa to go to America.

Shapakidze had been in Tientsin for over a year and on and off has been acting as police informer. In the recent case he had been of value to the police, giving information regarding the whereabouts of suspected men. It was he who gave the police clues which led to the arrest of a few of the men and to the discovery of the flat in Bureau street where Aaron Brenner had been hidden.

Protestation of Innocence.

Mrs. Shapakidze interviewed stated that she was convinced her husband had nothing to do with it, saying that her husband had told her of all his work in connection with the Brenner case, and that he was convinced that two men, Volkoff and Shornik, had something to do with the case and that he was trying to unearth some evidence against them. Her husband had told her on Sunday regarding it, "I will never give my neighbor the first letter received by the Brenner brothers," which had been handed to the French Police authorities, and he had suggested that a trap be set, but that the French Police authorities would not allow him to go near the place on Saturday night.

In the meantime the two threatening letters are in the hands of handwriting experts. The above arrests followed so closely on the apprehension and confession of Volkoff on the day before that it was at first thought the two cases were connected, but the authorities are now convinced that they are not.

Volkoff was arrested on Tuesday morning by the B.M.C. police, who laid a trap for him, and later Volkoff confessed that he was the writer of several letters demanding money from Alexander Gutbezah. Further inquiries have proved that he had been in no way connected with the writing of the threatening letters to the Brenners.—North China Star.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHRISTIAN TEACHING.

[TO THE EDITOR "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—May I crave just a little more of your valuable space to reply to "R.B."?

It is evident your correspondent does not keep very closely in touch with the Modernist movement, otherwise he would know that very eminent theologians have long ago abandoned the position he takes up regarding the historical value of the Gospels.

As for contradictions and inconsistencies, I can give "R.B." a long list of books written not by agnostics but by eminent divines in which these little difficulties are "explained away" to the satisfaction of the faithful, but to the further bewilderment of the unconverted.

Dr. Robinson, a Dean of Westminster, rejects three Gospels as not being written by eye-witnesses of the events described—but strange to say the accepted, author, Mark, makes no reference to the Virgin Birth or the Sermon on the Mount, while his account of the resurrection and ascension are admitted by Christian scholars to be interpolations!

The "Encyclopaedia Biblica," whose contributors are not hostile to Christianity but eminent theologians, will provide "R.B." with much of the information he challenges me to produce, but very few lay members of the church ever refer to it nor are they greatly encouraged to.

I do not wish to labour the subject, but here are a few—shall I say apparent—inconsistencies—
Love your neighbour as yourself—but hate your parents and your brethren—yet whoever hateth his brother is a murderer.
Take no thought for the morrow—but if any provide not for his own, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel.

"I judge no man"—"For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgement unto the Son."

Love your enemies—yet Christ is quoted as saying he will deny in heaven those who denied him on earth; is that returning good for evil?

I know, of course, that all these apparent inconsistencies can be "explained away," but for that matter so can the whole story which is related in the Gospels.—Yours, etc.

Hong Kong, Dec. 21.

CATHEDRAL SERVICES.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Whilst one cannot but admire your correspondent's (R.B.) stalwart support of the Dean and his methods, one can scarcely commend him for his logic, since he presupposes the idea that honest criticism must necessarily be "venom," by which it is assumed he means "malice," and further having been brought up in a vicarage he claims the right to be a judge of sermons.

His premises are all wrong. How does he reason that the writer has been "given into like a spoilt child" since the writer has never even asked a favour of the church, and the only time he has received anything like a personal overture from the clergy has been when they required a subscription for this or that?

Surely it is fair to assume that one might gauge the mentality of the vicar who uses the letters from his parishioners for the contents of his scrap-book and to amuse the *bon ton* of the vicarage parlour—so much however as the writer may be prone to criticise the Dean he at least would give him credit for being above such a despicable practice.

It is to be feared, however, that the credentials offered by "R.B." do not give him much right to hand in judgment for the Dean. Three years in this Colony have given him practically only the sermons dished up by the present regime, which as he admits are scarcely *sensu rapturæ*, and, moreover, his upbringing might also account for his bias in favour of the infallibility of the clergy, which causes him to imagine that anything in the nature of criticism is "venom."

Regarding the hymns, when it was suggested to the present clergy at the Cathedral that a wider range of hymns might be taken from the A. and M. Hymn-book than was being used, the reply elicited was: "I think I am perfectly capable of selecting hymns."

Had such a request been made of the "elderly gentleman" who was succeeded by the "two youngish men," the reply would at least have been courteous, and again, if out of the 50 odd new hymns, only three or four are really worth reading or singing, why not have saved the expense and have stuck to the old book, which has over 800, and so spared the feelings of those who have not yet "been given into like spoilt children."—Yours, etc.

Hong Kong, December 20.

ALLEGED NEGLIGENT DRIVING.

CARS THAT PASSED ON STUBBS ROAD!

Mr. E. F. R. Sample was summoned yesterday before Mr. E. W. Hamilton for negligent driving on Stubbs Road on December 11.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson appeared for the defence and asked for particulars of the offence.

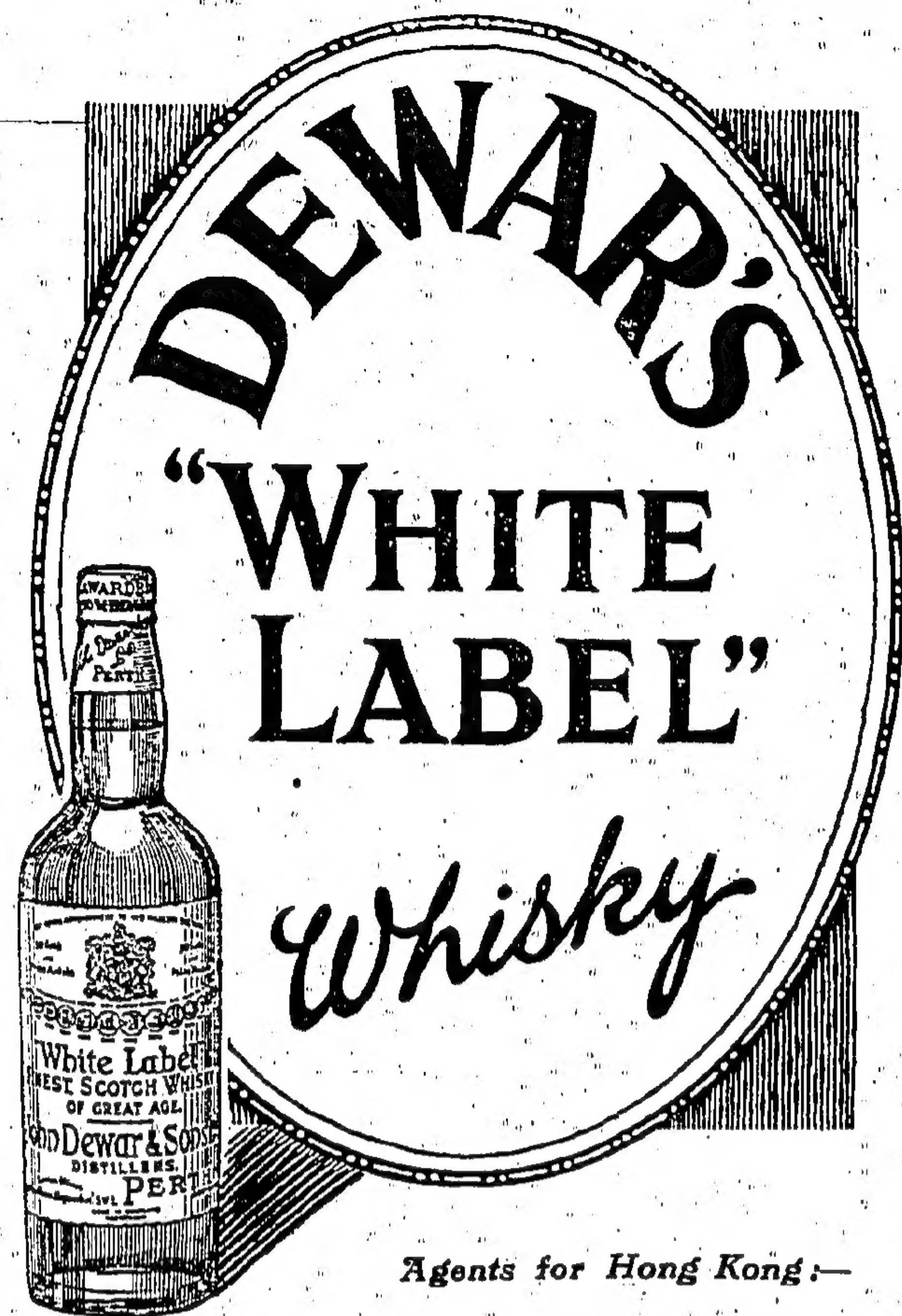
Mr. J. W. Franks, on whose complaint the summons was taken, said that at about 9 p.m. on December 11, he drove up to the Peak in company of Mr. Clark of the P.W.D., Mrs. Clark and Mr. Harris were the other passengers.

About half way up, the car passed an Austin 7, the latter having given them the signal. As they were proceeding up the road, at about 18 to 20 miles an hour, they were passed at a bend, without any warning by car No. 1273, which

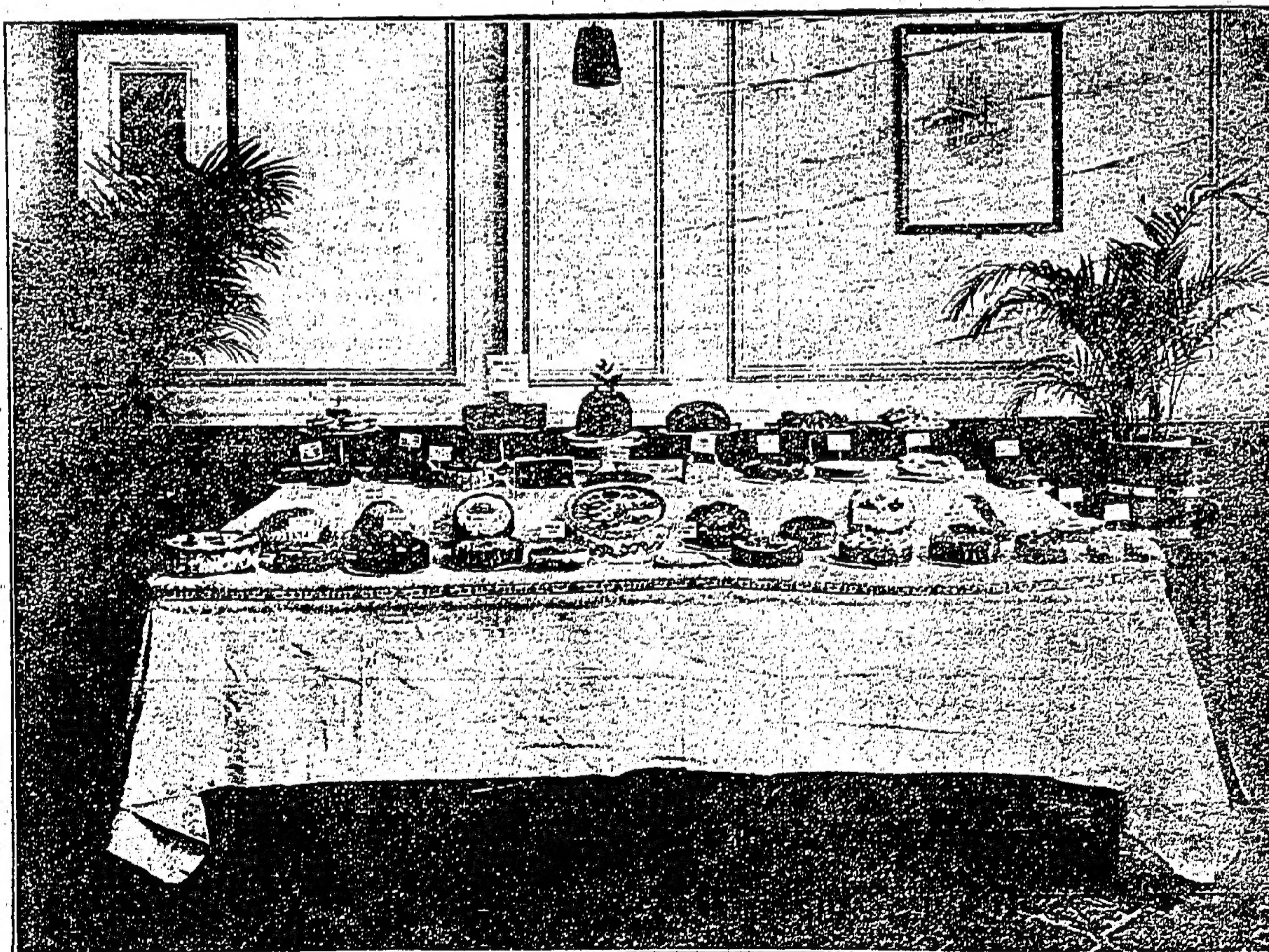
apparently had not got its headlights on. He judged the speed of the car to be about 30 miles per hour.

Mr. Hodgson, on behalf of Mr. Sample, stated it was agreed that Mr. Sample did pass Mr. Franks' car, but not in the manner Mr. Franks had described.

The hearing was fixed for Tuesday afternoon at 2.15 p.m. The Magistrate and the two parties concerned will visit the scene on Monday afternoon.



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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUIYANG"	On 22nd Dec.	Daylight
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 22nd Dec.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"KANGHONG"	On 22nd Dec.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 22nd Dec.	11 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING"	On 24th Dec.	Daylight
NINGPO & SHANGHAI	"SHANGHAI"	On 24th Dec.	3 p.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"YINGCHOW"	On 25th Dec.	11 a.m.
HONGKONG & BANGKOK	"CHUSAN"	On 27th Dec.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 28th Dec.	8 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"LUOHOW"	On 29th Dec.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 29th Dec.	11 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 31st Dec.	10 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 9th Jan.	10 a.m.

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M.S. "Africa"	20th Feb.	13th May
M.S. "Malaya"	3rd April	11th June
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ANGERS	14th Jan.	G. METZINGER	16th Jan.
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G. METZINGER	11th Feb.	PORTHOS	12th Feb.
ANDRE LEBON	25th Feb.	CHENONCEAUX	26th Feb.
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ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

STATION	DECEMBER 19, 1929.										DECEMBER 20, 1929.										
	Barometer at Sea Level		Thermometer	Humidity	Wind		Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind		Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind						
	Home Code Swath Time	Inches	Milts.			Direction	Force (Scale- 10)	Home Code Barometer at Sea Level	Inches	Milts.			Direction	Force (Scale- 10)	Home Code Barometer at Sea Level	Inches	Milts.			Direction	Force (Scale- 10)
Vladivostok ...	13	30.36	771.2	10	...	NNE	8	b	6	30.41	772.4	2	...	NNE	4	2	0	...	...	...	...
Nomuro	11	29.70	754.5	...	...	W	1	...	5	30.00	762.0	...	...	WNW	4	2	0	...	...	...	...
Hokodate	...	29.98	761.5	...	...	WNW	3	...	...	30.10	764.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tokio	...	29.96	761.0	...	...	ENE	1	...	...	30.04	763.0	...	...	NNE	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kochi	...	29.92	760.0	...	...	...	0	...	...	29.88	759.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagasaki	...	30.02	762.0	...	...	NW	1	...	...	29.82	757.5	...	...	NW	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kagoshima	...	30.00	762.0	...	...	NE	1	...	...	29.82	757.5	...	...	S	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oshima	...	30.04	762.5	...	...	ENE	1	...	...	29.92	760.0	...	...	NW	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naha	...	30.03	761.5	...	...	SE	2	...	...	29.98	761.5	...	...	NNE	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ishigakijima	...	29.98	761.5	...	...	...	0	...	...	29.86	761.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bonin Island	...	29.92	760.0	...	...	NE	2	...	6	30.23	767.8	30	80	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chefoo	15	30.32	770.1	28	91	N	2	r	6	30.32	770.1	34	89	NW	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	14	30.14	765.6	43	91	N	6	r	7	30.29	769.3	40	91	NNW	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gutzlaff	...	30.11	764.8	46	100	NNE	6	r	7	30.06	768.5	58	90	NNW	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sharp Peak	...	29.86	758.4	69	92	E	2	rf	6	30.03	762.7	60	82	NE	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Amoy	...	29.91	759.7	63	94	ENE	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Swatow	...	29.86	758.4	97	80	E	1	o	...	30.07	769.8	61	96	SW	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taihou	11	29.98	761.7	78	75	...	0	o	...	30.04	762.9	63	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taichu	...	29.99	761.7	75	...	...	0	o	...	29.97	761.1	63	...	NNE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tainan	...	29.97	761.1	79	...	...	4	o	...	29.94	760.8	62	...	NW	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Koshun	...	29.97	761.1	79	...	ENE	4	o	...	29.99	761.7	66	...	NNE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pescadores	...	29.97	761.1	73	...	NE	4	o	...	29.99	761.7	66	...	NNE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hong Kong	14	29.86	758.4	70	88	E	3	cm	6	30.03	759.7	55	71	N	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gap Rock	...	29.87	758.7	...	...	E	2	...	...	30.00	762.0	...	...	NNW	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Macao	...	29.85	758.1	75	83	SE	2	...	...	30.05	762.2	50	84	N	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hoihow	...	29.89	759.0	79	79	SSE	1	o	...	29.96	761.0	71	86	NE	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pratas Island...	...	29.86	758.4	82	76	E	0	b	...	29.97	761.7	68	...	E	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Phulien	15	29.79	756.6	88	71	S	4	b	7	29.96	761.7	86	...	SE	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tourane	...	29.82	757.5	79	...	SE	2	...	...	29.91	759.8	72	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cape St. James	...	29.89	759.3	79	...	ENE	4	o	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Basco	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	SE	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Apurri	...	29.84	757.8	81	73	SE	2	o	...	29.91	759.6	78	91	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	...	29.82	757.5	84	74	SSE	1	o	...	29.89	759.3	72	92	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vigan	...	29.80	756.9	84	55	W	4	b	...	29.88	759.0	72	96	S	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manila	...	29.81	757.2	84	68	NW	2	...	...	29.85	758.1	73	85	NNW	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Legaspi	...	29.81	757.6	86	71	NW	2	...	...	29.87	758.7	72	81	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calbayog	...	29.80	756.9	86	71	NE	2	b	...	29.86	758.4	66	98	N	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tacloban	...	29.81	757.2	86	71	NW	4	b	...	29.88	758.4	68	96	N	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Davao	...	29.79	756.6	86	71	SW	2	b	...	29.86	758.4	73	94	NW	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cebu	...	29.79	756.6	86	68	NE	4	b	...	29.85	758.1	72	91	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Surigao	...	29.78	756.3	86	56	NE	4	b	...	29.84	757.8	75	83	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sulpan	...	29.78	756.3	81	80	N	4	o	...	29.84	757.8	73	96	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	12.22	29.66	753.3	...	...	NE	6	o	4.22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yap	11.00	29.69	754.2	...	...	NE	4	o	5	...	29.75	755.7	...	NNE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pelew	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.78	756.4	77	...	NNE	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ponape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.80	756.9	78	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.80	756.9	86	68	NE	6	b	5	29.78	756.4	80	87	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

December 20d. 10A. 57m.—The northern portion of the anticyclone is moving eastward, leaving a separate anticyclone central over N. China. Depressions are shown to the east of the Loochoos and to the south of Guam. Fresh monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. 1 c/g. Fog rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.03 inch. Total since January 1, 69.60 inches, against an average of 82.70 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON DECEMBER 21.

- 1.—Formosa Channel
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamook
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 20

Previous Day	On Date	On Date
at 4 p.m.	at 10 a.m.	at 4 p.m.
Barometer... 29.86	30.07	29.97
Temperature... 70	62	73
Humidity... 69	59	60
Wind... E	SW	E
Direction... E	SW	E
Force... 3	2	3
Weather... OM	B	D
Rain... 0.08	0.0	0.00
Highest open-air Temperature, 19:70		
Lowest open-air Temperature, 20:55		
B—Blue sky; C—Cloudy; D—Drizzle; F—Fog; L—Lightning; M—Mist; O—Overcast; P—Passing showers; Q—Squalls; R—Rain; T—Thunder.		

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EMPEROR OF CANADA	Jan. 15	Jan. 18	Jan. 21	Jan. 23	Jan. 31
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Feb. 12	Feb. 15	Feb. 18	Feb. 20	Mar. 1
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 22
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Mar. 19	Mar. 22	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Apr. 4
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 9	Apr. 12	Apr. 15	Apr. 17	Apr. 26
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Apr. 30	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 17
EMPEROR OF CANADA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	May 30
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 12	June 21
EMPEROR OF ASIA	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 3	July 12
EMPEROR OF CANADA	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 27
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	July 23	July 26	July 29	Aug. 1	Aug. 10
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Aug. 7	Aug. 10	Aug. 13	Aug. 15	Aug. 24
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Aug. 20	Aug. 23	Aug. 26	Aug. 28	Sept. 6
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Sept. 25	Oct. 4
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Oct. 15	Oct. 18	Oct. 21	Oct. 23	Oct. 31
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Oct. 30	Nov. 2	Nov. 5	Nov. 7	Nov. 16
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Nov. 12	Nov. 15	Nov. 18	Nov. 20	Nov. 29

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Jan. 13, 5 p.m.	Jan. 15	EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Jan. 15

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 12,800 TONS;
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Cargo returns shown at the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follows:

	Cargo for H.K.	Through Ports.
British		
Waikiki	230	350
Hai Ning	250	—
Yuensang	—	—
Malwa	530	—
Suiyang	—	1,530
Helikon	—	150
Ichang	1,600	—
Kanchow	1,500	—
French		
Canter	—	—
Angers	200	2,400
German		
Saarbrücken	480	2,260
Dutch		
Tjondari	—	690
Danish		
Michael Jensen	300	—
Clara Jensen	1,640	—
Portuguese		
Wing Wo	220	—
Japanese		
Amagisan Maru	4,000	—
Sumatra Maru	280	4,990
Chinese		
Tak Hing	50	—
Total	12,810	13,000

Information has been received by the Harbour Master, the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole that the West River is open to traffic as far as Wuchow and that the reported barrier has been removed.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

WEST RIVER OPEN TO WUCHOW.

On December 23 and 26 the Harbour Office will be closed except at the following times:—Entry Clearance Office will be open from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on December 23 and from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on December 26. The Junk Office will be open from 11 a.m. to 12 noon on December 26 only.

Marine Court Cases.

Two Japanese hawkers were fined \$10 and \$5 respectively by Mr. T. W. H. Hosgood at the Marine Court yesterday, for a breach of their licenses, namely selling cigarettes on board the s.s. Aki Maru.

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:

	Passengers
Haining (Br.) Foochow and Swatow	132
Suiyang (Br.) Canton	221
Helikon (Br.) Saigon	36
Canton (Fr.) Haiphong	16
Angers (Fr.) Marseilles and Saigon	97
Tjondari (Dut.) Shanghai and Amoy	141
Michael Jensen (Dan.) Swatow	367
Clara Jensen (Dan.) Saigon	123
Cheung On (Chi.) Shanmi	123
Total	1,260

PASSENGERS.

The following passengers arrived yesterday by the s.s. Malwa, from the North—Mr. Chang An, Mrs. G. Arbuthnot, Mr. R. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson, Sir Henry Gollan, Capt. D. Skinner, Mr. L. Borewick, Mr. Y. Ying, Mr. P. C. Yee, Mr. Y. S. Chen, Mr. and Mrs. Burchell, Mr. Warwick, Miss E. Nicholson, Miss B. Weale, Miss J. Wells, Mr. S. Driver, Mr. R. Latham, Mr. R. Poole, Mr. T. Fisher, Miss L. Rose, Mr. M. Old, Miss M. Laird, Mr. L. G. Breenell, Miss P. Breenell, Messrs. J. and H. Henry, Miss M. L. Henry, Capt. F. S. Weir, Mr. Y. Pu, Mr. T. Men, Mr. T. Haich, Mr. McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. Tung, Miss J. Tung and infant, Mr. H. T. Lou, Miss C. H. Tung and two children, Messrs. I. and H. Tung, Mr. R. R. Marsh, Mr. A. C. Hinn, Mr. Crommalin, Mrs. Crommalin, child and infant, Mr. and Mrs. Morse, Mr. C. C. Raiter, Miss S. Rothery, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Smith.

The following European passengers left Hong Kong on Thursday by the s.s. Angers for the North—Mrs. A. F. Tester, Mr. W. E. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Jameson, Mr. M. Gauthier, Rev. Sister J. W. F. Guay, Rev. Sister Van Oost, Mr. and Mrs. Swignicki, Mr. and Mrs. Novachynski, Mr. and Mrs. Dupre, and Mr. Petrequin.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:

	Arr.	Dep.
British	8	8
Japanese	3	4
Norwegian	1	1
Danish	2	0
Chinese	2	1
Dutch	1	2
German	1	0
Portuguese	1	0
Total	19	16

CLEARANCES

December 20.
Borneo, for Hoibong.
Canton, for Haiphong.
Chinese Prince, for Manila.
Hua Shun, for Wenchow.
Lushan Maru, for Canton.
Malwa, for Singapore.
Michael Jensen, for Singapore.
Nam Sang, for Singapore.
Saarbrücken, for Keelung.
Standard Arrow, for Foochow.
Tjondari, for Muntok.
Toyo Maru No. 5, for Dairen.
Waikiki, for Canton.
Yingchow, for Canton.

ARRIVALS.

December 19.

Saarbrücken, German str., 6,429 tons, Capt. Johann Meyer, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf—Melchers & Co.

December 20.

Amagisan Maru, Japanese str., 2,303 tons, Capt. S. Tamura, from Milke, buoy No. A24—M.B.K.

Chinese Prince, British str., 3,638 tons, Capt. E. E. Jones, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2—Prince Line.

Hai Ning, British str., 632 tons, Capt. A. H. Stewart, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf—Douglas & Laprak.

Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,503 tons, Capt. T. Yasukawa, from Swatow, buoy No. C14—N.Y.K.

Malwa, British str., 11,500 tons, Capt. P. O. Britten, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf—M.M. & Co.

President Madison, American str., 14,174 tons, Capt. D. C. Austin, from Seattle, Kowloon Wharf—A.M.L.

Promise, Norwegian str., 727 tons, Capt. S. Holvick, from Haiphong, buoy No. C46—Sang Lee & Co.

Ribera, British str., 2,692 tons, Capt. G. L. Weatherill, from Schaffik, buoy No. B21—Doddwell & Co.

Standard Arrow, American str., 4,000 tons, Capt. K. P. Olsen, from Haiphong, Laichikok Anchorage—Standard Oil Co.

Suiyang, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. F. W. Potter, from Canton, buoy No. B9—B. & S.F.

Toyo Maru No. 5, Japanese str., 1,239 tons, Capt. J. Amano, from Canton, buoy No. C—M.B.K.

Wai Shing, British str., 1,564 tons, Capt. J. W. Pettigrew, from Shanghai, West Point Wharf—J.M. & Co.

Yuen Sang, British str., 3,229 tons, Capt. M. Costella, from Kobe, Kowloon Wharf—J.M. & Co.

Ying Chow, British str., 1,216 tons, Capt. W. G. Mackenzie, from Weihaiwei, buoy No. C37—B. & S.

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following ships were in harbour yesterday:

Wharves—Kowloon: Malwa, Saarbrücken, Yuen Sang; Soony—Laichikok: Standard Arrow; Jardine: Matheson's; Waikiki: O.S.K.; Canton Maru; Douglas: Laprak; Haiching, Haining.

Docks—Kowloon: Kutsang, Tai Lee, Sui Tai, Hingang, Argonauta, Venezia, Hangsang, On Lee; Tai Koo: Taihan, Sinkiang, Hingang, Tai Yo Maru, Oil Reliance.

Buoys—A2 Cyclops, A3 Anyo Maru, A4 Chinese Prince, A5 Tjondari, B7 Tallyho, A8 Nam Sang, A10 Sui Yang, B11 Archer, B12 Kingchow, B13 Kanchow, C16 Michael Jensen, C18 Hiram, B20 Toyo Maru No. 5, B22 Ribera, A24 Amagisan Maru, B25 Foochow, C33 Clara Jensen, B36 Canton, C37 Yingchow, B38 Song Bo, C39 Bremerhaven, C40 Prominent, C41 Haidia, C42 Wing Wo, C43 Dux, C44 Ichang, C45 Borneo, C46 Promise, C47 Helikon, C48 Antung, B51 Storviken.

A woman stated at the Thames Court that her husband was "fratious." Magistrate: You cannot expect a husband to behave like a pet lamb.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"MALWA"	10,980	21st Dec, Noon	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	28th Dec, 1930	Mara, Ldon, Hull, H'g, B'dm, & A'warp.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	4th Jan.	B'bay, Mara, & L'don.
"KALABAR"	8,304	11th Jan. (Mara)	L'don, Hull, H'g, B'dm, & A'warp.
"KEIVA"	8,135	18th Jan.	Mara, London, H'dm, & A'warp.
"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	22nd Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"JEYPORE"	6,518	28th Jan. (Mara)	L'don, Hull, H'g, B'dm, & A'warp.
"MANTUA"	10,948	1st Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	8,128	15th Feb.	Mara, L'don, Hull, B'dm, & A'warp.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	19th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	1st Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,955	8th Mar. (Mara)	L'don, Hull, H'g, B'dm, & A'warp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	15th Mar.	Mara, L'don, Hull, B'dm, & A'warp.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	18th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,980	12th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	10th May	Mara, L'don, B'dm, & A'warp.
"MANTUA"	10,948	24th May	Bombay, Mara, & London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	31st May (Mara)	L'don, Hull, H'g, B'dm, & A'warp.
"KEIVA"	8,135	7th June	Marseilles & London.
"RANPURA"	16,601	21st June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong	Destination
"TILAWA"	10,006	28th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALAMBA"	8,018	7th Jan.	do.
"TAKADA"	6,949	18th Jan.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	28th Jan.	do.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	8th Feb.	do.
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"MANTUA"	10,948	3rd Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NELLORE"	6,953	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	7th Jan.	Amoy, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Kobe.
"KARMALA"	8,128	17th Jan.	Amoy, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	18th Jan.	Amoy, Kobe & Osaka.
"KASHMIR"	8,955	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TAKLIWA"	7,938	25th Jan.	Amoy, Kobe & Osaka.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	31st Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,956	1st Feb.	Amoy, Kobe & Osaka.
"TILAWA"	10,006	12th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,980	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	28th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	9,114	5th Apr.	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	10th Apr.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,948	24th Apr.	do.
"KEIVA"	8,135	8th May	do.
"RANPURA"	16,601	23rd May	do.
"KARMALA"	8,128	12th June	do.
"MORBA"	10,954	20th June	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	3rd July	do.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	18th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,955	8th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MANTUA"	10,948	16th Aug.	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	28th Aug.	do.
"MALWA"	10,980	12th Sept.	do.
"KEIVA"	8,135	25th Sept.	do.

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